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EEC food aid is 'catalogue of disasters' say auditors

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The EEC's aid programme for sending food to relieve starvation and malnutrition in poor countries has been exposed as a catalogue of disasters.

A special investigation by the Court of Auditors details a long history of frauds, contaminated and damaged foodstuffs, lost consignments and long delays.

The court, which oversees the administration of the commission's finances, said its list of 90 cases where the system broke down may not be the whole story, only the failures it uncovered during a series of visits to Third World countries receiving food under the EEC's £418 million aid programme.

The worst cases include a cargo of butteroil to Tunisia which was found to contain peroxide and faeces and emergency supplies of cereals sent to Mauritius following hurricanes which arrived 15 months too late.

The commonest failing was the absence of vitamins in deliveries of skimmed milk powder which, the court said, were needed to prevent the risk of serious gastric disorders, especially in babies.

In its special report the court, which is based in Luxembourg, demanded an urgent review of procedures and tighter checks on food quality, which it blamed for many of the breakdowns in the system.

The report said: "Cases where food aid products fail to conform to the rules in force or to desirable standards occur too frequently to be considered purely accidental or attributable to bad luck".

"Of 22 countries visited by the court between 1981 and March 1985, 14 had received poor quality deliveries. Cases of poor quality arose for nearly all products and occurred each year.

"Certain countries had a series of defective deliveries, such as Bangladesh, which had cause for complaint nearly every year; Indonesia, which had cause for complaint each year from 1979 to 1983 and Ghana, which had cause for complaint each year from 1977 to 1984."

The court said a poor country receiving aid is not in a strong position to complain about the food it receives.

It traced many of the problems back to poor controls on the quality of the intervention stocks holding the EEC's mountains of surplus food. It suspected widespread frauds in the production, for instance, of butteroil from surplus dairy products, because of inadequate checks.

"From the point of view of the production costs, it is very tempting to substitute vegetable oil for butter," it said.

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"During a check on an undertaking manufacturing butteroil, the court chanced to find a large number of empty drums of vegetable oil on the premises.

"A court audit visit to Indonesia found one case in which it was likewise suspected that vegetable fat had been used in making milk powder."

Analysis of food following complaints revealed frequent contamination or staleness. For example, 240 tonnes of butteroil delivered to Morrocco in 1983 was found unfit for human consumption because it contained up to four times the permitted amount of aerobic germs. The Moroccans used it instead to make soap.

In 1983 1,000 tonnes of powdered milk from old intervention stocks sent to Tunisia were discovered to have aerobic germs, a musty taste, an abnormal colour and impurities. Yet, the court said, it had been granted five certificates of export quality.

"In the same year Tunisia received 345 tonnes of butteroil. The tests carried out, at the recipient's request, by the Laboratoire Central d'Hygiene Alimentaire in France on samples taken before loading showed that the butteroil had been manufactured from old stocks of intervention butter, contained a high level of peroxide and was contaminated with faeces."

Deliveries of milk powder were plagued by problems of flimsy packaging, bad markings and delays which led to the vitamins being wasted.

The court said: "Bags of vitaminized milk powder usually do not give an uncoded indication of the date of manufacture, or the expiry date. Such omissions are all the more serious as after six months' shelf-life vitamins start to break down and eventually disappear and non-vitaminized milk can cause serious gastric disorders."

On occasion the shipping firm was blamed. In one case, wheat sent to Zambia was spoiled by sharing the hold with ammonium nitrate. In another wheat declared unfit for human consumption in Djibouti in 1982, ended up being sold as flour to Zaire in 1984.

Among the cases it cited of badly-administered emergency aid were:

- A request in March 1981 from China for immediate help following drought in Hebei province and floods in Hubei Province: first consignments arrived July 1982.
- A request in June 1983 from Indonesia for help after a poor harvest: 15,000 tonnes of wheat shipped August 1984, even though next harvest had already taken place.
- Although the EEC knew stocks of Zambian maize would run out in April 1983, the first promised deliveries did not begin until July.

The commission, which is not obliged to bring in the court's recommendations, said it believed some of the criticisms are unjustified. It said simpler procedures were agreed for administering food aid from July 1.

It said: "The commission takes note of the Court of Auditors' observations. However it would point out that in some cases it has been unable to check all the points mentioned.

The court consists of one representative from each member state.

Dr Charles Elliott, chairman of the Independent Group on British Aid, said: "The key thing for which the aid lobby is pressing is to make the maximum political and administrative distinction between food aid and dealing with the EEC's food surpluses."

Court of Auditors' special report on the quality of food aid (C219); Stationery Office. £4.20.

Air engineers begin action to hit flights

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Air traffic control engineers last night began industrial action which could severely disrupt Britain's air services by the weekend.

The 1,030 engineers, who maintain radio beacons, navigation aids and air traffic control equipment, withdrew co-operation with the Civil Aviation Authority in a fight for better pay and conditions.

They are refusing to sign forms guaranteeing that equipment is working normally.

A union official said last night: "Should anything go wrong over the next few days we will not sign for it and airlines or controllers will have to use it at their own risk".

The action was intended to begin tomorrow afternoon. But engineers around Britain were reported to be so angry at the lack of progress in their pay talks that they began immediate action.

A branch official, who asked not to be named, said: "The average pay of an engineer is now only between £11,000 and £12,000 a year To receive that our members have to have a degree plus five years' post graduate experience and it is simply not good enough.

"Because we are the backroom boys who have traditionally given service without making a fuss we have been ignored. Now our members are saying that they have had enough."

A senior controller on the highest grade working at Heathrow will, with all allowances, earn £21,000 a year.

A full branch council meeting will be held on September 15 to review the dispute. It will ballot on an all-out strike if no further offer is made.

Air travellers' troubles will be exacerbated this weekend if air traffic controllers in Barcelona go ahead with their threat to strike on Saturday. If they do, thousands of British holidaymakers who were subjected to long delays as they flew to Spanish resorts two weeks ago will face similar chaos on their return.

The electronic equipment the engineers maintain can often break down and a major fault is likely over the next few days.

Should a beacon become unserviceable pilots will be unable to use their navigation equipment which takes them automatically up and down the country's airways.

The worst problem could arise if a computer used by air traffic controllers breaks down. Normally a controller will call in an engineer who fixes it and then signs an official form guaranteeing that the equipment is working.

Without such validation the controllers, who have been offered pay rises averaging around 25-30 per cent over the next three years, will almost certainly refuse to use the equipment.

Safety will not be impaired because they would resort to other systems to keep the aircraft flying. But this would inevitably lead to massive delays. Every airport and every airway entering British air space could be affected.

The CAA last night denied the engineers had been cut out of pay rises being offered to other workers.

"All engineers have been offered a further increase of between 3.1 and 10.2 per cent which would represent overall increases of between 7.5 and 32.5 per cent", it said.

The CAA said it had given special payments to engineers in particularly busy areas to compensate for work pressure and also to combat problems of recruitment and retention.

But the engineers are adamant that the bulk of the increase was paid under the civil service pay rules and only brought them up to basic civil service specialist pay levels. There was every indication last night that neither side would back down.

Gulf ship sunk in missile attack

From Robert Fisk
Dubai

Under a continuing Iraqi onslaught that had by last night crippled at least six Iranian oil tankers in five days — about a third of the country's shuttle tanker fleet — Iran yesterday struck more fiercely than ever at merchant ships in the Gulf, attacking four unarmed and unescorted vessels in less than 12 hours.

Among the victims of yesterday's attacks was a supply ship hit by a missile — apparently fired by an Iraqi jet — not far from the Iranian oil loading terminal at Kharg Island. Shipping agents said that the vessel, named Big Orange 14, sank after being hit by the rocket and that two of the seven crew members, made up of Sri Lankans and Filipinos, were missing.

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It was the most violent few hours of the three-year-old "tanker war" in the Gulf, which is sure to raise insurance premiums, crew danger money and the price of crude oil shipped through the Strait of Hormuz.

With 17 attacks by Iraq and Iran in less than a week — last year's average rate was only nine a month — merchant seamen are now demanding higher rates of pay or even refusing to go back to sea.

Most of the crew of the Jebel Ali, which was attacked by Iranian gunboats for half an hour on Monday and put in to Dubai for repairs, have now demanded to be sent home to India. The Greek captain of a

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Trial of teenage German pilot opens in Moscow

In the shadow of a Soviet soldier, Herr Rust facing the Moscow court yesterday.

Rust tells of peace mission

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Herr Mathias Rust, the teenage pilot from West Germany, yesterday ended weeks of wild speculation about his motives for landing close to the Kremlin in May by informing the Soviet Supreme Court that he was conducting a lone peace mission designed to make the maximum impact on world opinion.

Western diplomatic sources said later that the line of defence would make it harder for the court to impose the maximum 10-year sentence which Herr Rust faces. He is charged with violating international flight rules, illegally crossing the Soviet border and malicious hooliganism.

After the indictment was read out by a court clerk, Herr Rust, who was flanked by two policemen, pleaded guilty on all three charges, but later retracted part of his statement.

"I regret what happened," he told the court in German. "My chief aim was to make an impact on world opinion. I saw no other possibility to achieve my goal. It was not hooliganism."

The bespectacled 19-year-old pilot was speaking at the opening of one of the most bizarre trials ever held under the Soviet judicial system. His words were translated by two Russian interpreters. Like its sensational counterparts in the West, it was dogged by rumours of astonomical sums being demanded for access to the accused and his family

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- **There is £12,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, three times the usual amount as there have been no winners for the past two days.**
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Police search for IRA arms cache

By Craig Seton

Detectives investigating a suspected terrorist plot to murder Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday searched another West Country campsite for a cache of arms or explosives they believe has been hidden by an IRA active service unit.

Wiltshire police, who are holding three terrorist suspects, fear that some members of an IRA cell they believe was sent to England to prepare for Mr King's assassination may still be on the run.

They know the names used by suspects while staying on two campsites in the West Country close to Mr King's farmhouse home at Ford, near Chippenham, Wiltshire, where two of the three people they are holding were arrested last Sunday.

Mr David Cooke, assistant chief constable of Wiltshire, last night asked newspapers to withhold any names they had. "Their publication would seriously jeopardise our inquiry, which concerns matters of security and the safety of individuals."

Another man was arrested at a campsite 25 miles away at Wookey Hole, near Cheddar Gorge. Police seized a money bag containing over £3,000 in £50 notes.

Detectives yesterday also launched a nationwide search for a battered yellow Datsun car used by the two men and a woman — all Irish — who yesterday were being questioned for the fourth day running by Wiltshire detectives under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

In yesterday's development 40 officers from the neighbouring Avon and Somerset police force visited the Newton Mill touring centre at Newton St Loe, near Bath, where the three under arrest are believed to have stayed.

Maclennan will be firm with Liberals

By Nicholas Wood and Martin Fletcher

Mr Robert Maclennan, the new SDP leader, acted swiftly yesterday to stamp his authority on his divided party and signal his determination to take a tough line in the impending talks with the Liberals over a merger.

His first move was to resist suggestions that the ardently pro-merger Mr William Rodgers, a member of the original Gang of Four, should be in day-to-day charge of negotiations with the Liberals over the formation of the new merged party.

Mr Maclennan insisted that as leader he would be directly involved not only on the broad issues but even in the fine print.

As Mr Maclennan is far from committed to the idea of merger and originally voted against it, his stand will alarm those who wish to see a union achieved with maximum speed and minimum fuss.

Mr David Steel has said that he will not be directly involved in the negotiations on the Liberal side, but Mr Maclennan, the architect of the SDP's constitution, shrugged off suggestions that he should follow suit.

However, Mr Rodgers said later he would be "rather surprised" if unlike Mr Steel Mr Maclennan became involved day-to-day.

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Dr Owen's supporters are convinced that Mr Maclennan's apparent "defection" to the merger camp could yet prove a blessing in disguise. He is impervious to pressure and very much his own man.

Were he ultimately to recommend against merger he could bring considerable numbers of Social Democrats back into their fold.

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Liverpool fans to be extradited

The Home Office announced yesterday that 26 Liverpool football supporters are to be extradited to Belgium to face manslaughter charges.

The charges relate to the deaths in 1985 of 39 people at the Heysel Stadium during the European Cup final.

If convicted, the men face jail terms of up to 10 years each, although they may be transferred to Britain to serve their sentences at home.

The men are expected to leave Britain under armed guard early next week, probably in a Belgian military aircraft.

M Jean Gol, the Belgian Minister of Justice, will give details of the extradition arrangements today.

Yesterday he thanked the British Government and Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, for the decision to allow the Liverpool supporters to be tried in Belgium.

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Powerful heart device 'could save 10,000 lives'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Six people in Britain have been implanted with a new powerful heart device which could save up to 10,000 lives a year. Details of the first British implants will be given at an international medical conference in London today.

Specialists attending the meeting, organized by the British Heart Foundation, said yesterday that up to 50,000 lives a year could be saved by a wider use of discoveries for screening and treating abnormalities.

Professor Stuart Cobbe, of Glasgow University, said: "One hundred thousand people a year die suddenly of an unexpected heart attack in Britain. The vast majority have in no sense suffered a massive untreatable heart attack."

Professor John Camm, of St George's Hospital, south London, said that the defibrillator device delivers a strong electric shock to the heart if it changes to an uncontrolled, rapid beat known as cardiac arrhythmia.

Professor Camm, who is chairman of the conference, said: "Some spectacular advances in the management of cardiac arrhythmias are being sadly neglected in the UK. The UK lags behind much of Europe and North America in this field."

He said there were about 20 causes which made the heart burst into chaotic, electrical activity, provoking palpitations of more than 200 beats a minute. Unless stabilized, the interruption to the circulation of the blood could be quickly fatal.

According to research by Dr Michel Mirowski, the pioneer of the implantable defibrillator, the device is capable of reducing deaths by as much as 40 per cent a year for those at high risk in the group he treats.

Dr Mirowski, of the Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, said the device is capable of giving an electric shock a million times stronger than a conventional pacemaker if it detects ventricular fibrillation, an otherwise fatal heart rhythm disorder.

The compact device is placed in the abdomen, with leads attached to two electrodes on the heart. The heart is monitored continuously and up to 100 shocks can be delivered to restore regular beating.

A conventional pacemaker provides a steady stream of tiny pulses with the energy of 25 microjoules to boost a heart beating faintly because the natural electrical signal is weak.

The defibrillator gives intense pulses of 25 joules. They are produced by a specially-designed pulse generator, similar to the way in which a high-voltage spark is produced in a vehicle, involving the charging and releasing of energy from a capacitor.

The device would cost about £9,000 in Britain. Its batteries need replacing every two years in a minor operation.

Dr Anthony Nathan, consultant cardiologist at St Bartholomew's Hospital, central London, said that at least seven centres had the expertise to insert defibrillator implants but there were no funds to do so.

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Unions lose fight in dockland

Workers on the Docklands Light Railway in east London will not be represented by a trade union. Of the 101 staff able to vote on representation, 43 were in favour, 11 were against and the rest abstained.

A minimum of 51 had to vote in favour to establish the principle of union representation within the company. In spite of the setback, the result was interpreted by Mr Tom Rice, general secretary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union as a "positive step forward for collective bargaining" with 80 per cent of those who voted being in favour of representation. Four unions had been set to compete for members in a high-technology area seen as vital for the movement.

● Union leaders meeting next week in Blackpool will be told that allegations of ballot rigging which sometimes *come after their elections could be eliminated if they* abandon traditional techniques and use computerized equipment. Security Ballot Services is offering impartial, leak-proof and fast facilities.

Victims' funeral

The last of the funerals for the 16 people killed by Michael Ryan in the Hungerford massacre was held yesterday at the town's parish church.

More than 200 mourners filled the church for the funerals of Mr Rowland Mason, aged 70, and Mrs Sheila Mason, aged 66. They included the couple's three children, seven grandchildren and their relatives by marriage, Mr Kevin Drinkwater and his wife Mrs Linda Drinkwater, whose home was destroyed in a fire started by Ryan.

IRA gives 'amnesty'

Informers working with the Special Branch in the Irish Republic have been offered a two week "amnesty" by the Provisional IRA after terrorists shot a man who allegedly passed information to the republic's police.

Police in Northern Ireland are investigating the killing of Mr Eamon Maguire, whose body was dumped on a border road in Co Armagh after he had been tortured. Mr Maguire, a father of two from Finglas, Dublin, had been shot through the head.

Saunders complaint

Solicitors acting for Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, yesterday complained to the Attorney General that the *Today* newspaper was in contempt of court over its report of Mr Saunders' remand hearing on Tuesday.

Messrs Payne Hicks Beech, acting for Mr Saunders, have told the Attorney General in a written complaint, that in their view the *Today* article breached reporting restrictions that have been imposed on the criminal proceedings which Mr Saunders is facing.

The Attorney General's chambers confirmed yesterday that it had received the complaint, which would be passed on to the Crown Prosecution Service for investigation.

Whale on the beach

Two coastguards gave a stranded five-ton whale a helping hand yesterday. Mr Alan Thompson and Mr Andy Fowler walked out across the treacherous mudflats of the River Severn to push the 20-ft long mammal into deeper water. The whale was stuck in shallow water at Beachley, Gloucestershire.

Mr Thompson said: "After we nudged him off the ledge, he did a couple of dives and snorts in the deeper water and then disappeared." Last night its progress was being monitored by the coastguard and the RSPCA.

26 Liverpool fans to be tried in Belgium

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Twenty-six Liverpool football supporters are to be extradited to *Belgium* to face manslaughter charges relating to the 1985 Heysel stadium disaster, the Home Office announced yesterday.

They are expected to leave under armed guard, probably in a Belgian military aircraft, early next week.

All are likely to be charged with manslaughter, although other charges are possible. Thirty-nine football supporters died in violence at the stadium.

The 26 face jail terms, if convicted, of up to 10 years, but they might be allowed to serve the sentences in Britain.

M Jean Gol, the Belgian minister of justice, has asked his parliament to speed up ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on the transfer of sentenced persons, which allows prisoners to serve time in their own country.

A spokesman for the minister said the Liverpool supporters, if found guilty, could be transferred provided Britain made a formal request.

Yesterday, M Gol publicly thanked the British Government and Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, for the extradition decision, which he said was the result of lengthy *collaboration* between the two governments.

He will give details of the extradition arrangements later this morning. No official information will be available before then.

However, it is widely expected that a Belgian military C-130 transport aircraft will collect the 26 Britons and fly them to Melsbroek military aerodrome, near Brussels.

Judge Miriam Coppieters 'T Wallant, the investigating magistrate in charge of the Heysel case, then has 24 hours in which to charge the men and decide whether to remand them in custody for up to five days.

She must then renew the remand order once a month until the trial begins.

It is not yet known whether the 26 will face a specimen charge of "involuntary homicide" against the Juventus supporter, Mario Ronci, or whether they will be charged with all the deaths individually.

A Belgian prison official said yesterday that Louvain central prison, where the men would be remanded, provided good facilities.

Each two-man cell contains *a day section*, sleeping area, and flush lavatories. Television sets can be installed on request.

Prisoners can perform light tasks in their cells if they wish, earning up to 5000 francs (about £80) a month.

The decision by Mr Hurd to sign the extradition warrants means he has rejected arguments by lawyers representing the supporters and by MPs, led by Mr Eric Heffer, Labour MP for Liverpool, Walton, that they would not receive a fair trial in Belgium.

Sir Harry Livermore, a Liverpool solicitor who represents 11 of the men, said of the decision yesterday: "I think it was inevitable, but we had to try".

Mr Heffer said he "deeply regretted" Mr Hurd's decision.

Mr Heffer, Labour's former chairman, said: "There has been a certain amount of pressure applied by the Belgian authorities for these men to be extradited.

"There was also this business of the UEFA official saying that if English teams wanted to get back into Europe, then this could be done by the extradition of the 26."

Sir Harry is angry about a Belgian telex, claimed to have originated from the police, which says that the "British hooligans" will be flown into Melsbroek Airport

"They have not been convicted and I take a very poor view of the Belgian authorities referring to them as hooligans before they have stood trial.

As well as the 26 Liverpudlians, two police officers and the former chief of the Belgian Football Association, Albert Roosens, face criminal proceedings.

The horror at Heysel stadium brought recrimination against the local and national police, the football authorities responsible for the state of the stadium, and most of all, against Charles Ferdinand Nothomb, the Belgian interior minister.

He survived immediate resignation demands only to quit weeks later, never having quite recovered from attempts to blame him, as figurehead of the police, for what happened.

'Mr Candy' jailed for £5m threat

By Andrew Morgan

A London property agent was jailed for four years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after pleading guilty to trying to extort £5 million from Cadbury after threats to poison chocolate bars in supermarkets before last December's Christmas rush.

Naveen Tuli, aged 23, from Kentish Town, north London, sent a Crunchie bar injected with rat poison to Cadbury, with a typewritten letter saying the company would suffer "profound consequences" if the money was not paid.

Judge Pigot told the court: "The effects on Cadbury's Christmas trade could have been devastating if there had been been any publicity. All public companies selling foodstuffs are at perpetual risk from threats of this kind. I must try and deter others."

The company may have learned lessons from the episode involving Mars bars in 1984 when word leaked that a man posing as an animal rights activist threatened to poison the company's sweets. Last December Cadbury managed to impose a media blackout.

Yesterday, Mr Howard Vagg, for the prosecution, said that detectives posed as *Cadbury officials during negotiations.*

He said that Tuli had been motivated purely by greed and called himself "Mr Candy" when he wrote his letter to Cadbury and during his many telephone calls.

Supt Keith Fletcher told the court that any leak to the media would have cost Cadbury millions of pounds over Christmas.

Last night, Mr Peter Ellery, Cadbury's investors' relations director, said it was in the company's interests not to divulge the extortion threats and denied that the public faced a potential danger.

He said that information received by Cadbury proved that Tuli had not tampered with any chocolate and there was no reason to take chocolate off the shelves.

"We went into strict procedures which finally led to the arrest of the man. Steps would naturally have been taken if *there was any suspicions* that bars had been interfered with, but fortunately these weren't necessary."

The Cadbury episode is the latest known attempt to extract money with menaces. In June, the Safeway supermarket at Cameron Toll, in Edinburgh, was found to have yoghurt laced with arsenic compound, coleslaw with glass and grapefruit with paraquet.

Demands in three letters had risen from £40,000 to £100,000 but it is unknown if the same person wrote them all. Nobody was injured.

Mr and Mrs Thatcher visiting a police drugs unit yesterday.

Thatcher dismisses devolution

By Kerry Gill

Mrs Margaret Thatcher dismissed any form of devolution for Scotland at the start of a three-day tour yesterday.

She told 200 Conservative Party members at the Royal Scots Hotel, Edinburgh, that it would be the first step in the break-up of the United Kingdom.

"Scotland is part of the United Kingdom and wishes to remain so. Devolution was not an issue at the general election", Mrs Thatcher said.

She said the 10 remaining Scottish Tory MPs would have to spend more time in Scotland helping the constituency workers get the Government's message across to the electorate.

Mrs Thatcher, accompanied by Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, visited the Lothian and Borders police drugs unit.

Walk-out threatens opera season

The opening of the new season at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, may be postponed after members of the chorus walked out yesterday (Our Arts Correspondent writes).

The 70 singers, who are employed on annual contracts, rejected an improved management offer of a 4 per cent pay increase. They declared that new contracts would not be signed without a more substantial rise.

A spokesman for the Royal Opera House admitted last night that the decision threatened the start of the new season due to begin on September 12 with a revival of Wagner's *Tannhäuser*, a work impossible to stage without a chorus.

Orchestra players are holding separate wage negotiations and vote today on their similar offer.

Mr Peter Plouviez, general secretary of Equity, the chorus members' union, said last night: "It is not a strike because they are not now under contract.

Losing of the chess peace

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

It is rare for a chess organizer to attract more publicity than the players, but that has been achieved by Mr Aly Amin, an Egyptian cafe owner.

Mr Amin's Chess for Peace Tournament, which opened on Tuesday at the North London Polytechnic, had originally been trumpeted as the world's strongest and richest chess competition with £100,000 as prize money and more than 50 grandmasters competing.

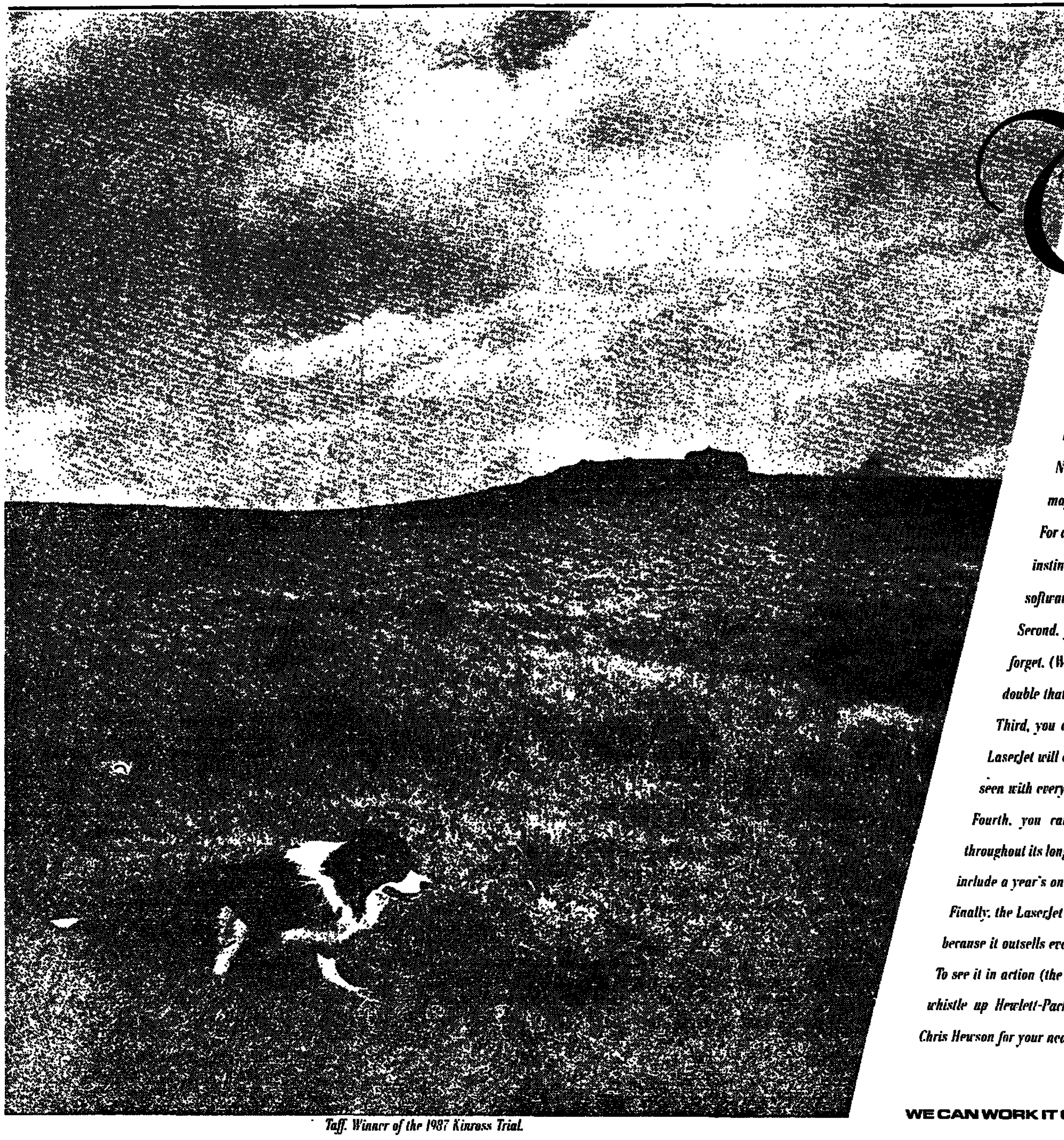
The reality was very different. The grandmasters stayed away in droves (a meagre five turned up, none British) and the prize fund dropped mysteriously to £10,000.

Mr Amin has given various explanations for this. On August 7, he announced that a Saudi Arabian offer to sponsor his tournament had been rejected because of the massacre of Iranians at Mecca.

On August 27, Mr Amin said the Palestine Liberation Organization had come forward as possible backers for the tournament.

By Tuesday's first round, the mystery had deepened. Apparently the Saudi royal *family itself* was to blame.

Mr Amin said the royals pulled out as sponsors after learning that Israelis would be competing in the tournament.



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Explicit publicity to highlight Aids risk from abuse of drugs

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

An explicit publicity campaign warning young people of the risk of Aids from drug abuse was launched by the Government yesterday.

The message of the campaign, "Don't Inject Aids", is being pushed at teenagers and young adults through street posters, television, radio and cinema commercials and teenage newspaper advertisements.

With more than 1,000 cases of Aids confirmed in Britain, the Government believes that the spread of the disease among intravenous drug abusers is the main threat to the general population.

Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, said at the launch of the campaign in London yesterday: "We don't know how many drug abusers are already infected, but in some parts as many as one in two may be carrying the human immunodeficiency virus".

Mr Moore predicted 4,000 Aids deaths in Britain by 1990. "The threat is not only to the drug users themselves, but to the unborn babies of infected mothers, to the sexual partners of the drug abusers, and from them to the general population", he said.

At least 50,000 people in Britain are estimated to abuse drugs, particularly heroin.

In Scotland, at least 2,000 abusers are thought to be already infected with the Aids virus. Of a total of more than 1,200 people in Scotland known to be infected, 56 per cent are drug abusers.

Dr Iain Macdonald, Scotland's Chief Medical Officer, said yesterday: "More than ever before, we have to deter drug misusers from injecting. We are especially anxious about young people who are injecting amphetamines and who see themselves, quite wrongly, as being less at risk of catching Aids than heroin injectors."

The Government estimates that in 1989, there will be 150 cases of Aids among intravenous drug abusers in Scotland alone, with a similar or larger number there in each year thereafter.

One of the warnings that will be carried in newspapers and magazines shows a needle about to be inserted in a man's arm and carries the message: "It takes only one prick to give you Aids".

Another saying "Just one fix can get you totally wasted", is shown with a body in a plastic bag, labelled "Aids".

A typical street poster showing a blood-stained syringe says: "If you get into injecting, what's going to get into you?"

The first television commercial was shown at 1 am today on a youth-oriented music programme. It depicted a drug-abuser being told by a doctor that he had been found to be carrying traces of infection.

Mr Moore and others involved in the campaign emphasized yesterday that the television commercials would be shown only late at night to "target audiences" of young people.

"We are trying to reach three groups", Mr Moore said. "They are those who might be tempted to use drugs, those who might be tempted to inject drugs and those who, if they can't stop injecting, should never share injecting equipment."

The campaign is being launched with a new drive aimed at discouraging drug abuse in general.

"We are particularly concerned that the anti-injecting message should not be taken as condoning other forms of drug misuse", Mr Moore said.

● Response to the Aids campaign was mixed last night. Mr Teddy Taylor, Conservative MP for Southend East, objected to the slogan: "It only takes one prick to give you Aids".

He said: "Although this is a desperately serious problem, a lot of people have been worried about the publicity used in this campaign.

"Most advertisers will agree that it is perfectly possible to shock people without causing unnecessary offence. This particular advertisement, like some of its predecessors, seems to go over the top.

"I do not see how it is going to help potential sufferers from Aids to put forward propaganda in a way which causes unnecessary offence. It is like a series of smutty jokes, and I hope the Department of Health and Social Security will take that aboard."

The British Medical Association said the message about Aids had to be succinct.

"Considering the major drug problem in many of the big cities, including London, this new development in the Government's Aids programme is crucial", a BMA statement said.

The Terrence Higgins Trust, an Aids charity, welcomed the campaign. "For once they have actually done something in the type of language people understand", Mr Jim Wilson, a trust spokesman, said.

He called for advertisements aimed at children. "We have 10 and 11-year-old users who inject themselves in Scotland", he said. "I am a firm believer in teaching children at a young age."

Aids condom fails in test

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The College of Health has given a warning that five brands of condom including one specifically designed to protect against Aids have failed British Standard pinhole tests.

A survey of 35 different condoms by the college found that four brands leaked when they were filled with water and a fifth had other manufacturing defects.

One of the brands, Aegis-Anti VD, which is also known as Aegis-Anti Aids, had a 32 per cent failure rate and was immediately taken off the market by the distributors when they were told of the test results.

Details of the survey, which are published today in the College of Health's journal, *Self Health*, show that 100 samples of the 35 different types were tested for holes by filling them with a third of a litre of water and looking for leaks.

The results of the test showed that half the brands had produced no leaks and most of the others had between one and three faulty condoms, an error rate within the British Standard pin-hole test.

The current British Standard permits 0.5 per cent error rates, that is five condoms in every 1,000, although a 3 per cent failure rate is allowed when testing smaller numbers.

However, four brands, Aegis Anti-VD, Duet Supersafe Ribbed, Duet Supersafe Studded and Sweet Rider significantly exceeded that number of faults.

Each brand was also tested for strength

The fifth brand, Blausiegel Koralle, failed because it had a number of other manufacturing defects.

Alert over spread of hepatitis B

By Our Science Correspondent

The Government has grossly underestimated the spread of hepatitis B in Britain and should launch a drive to vaccinate those most as risk, one of the country's leading experts said yesterday.

Professor Aris Zuckerman said there were probably 20,000 cases of the potentially fatal disease, 10 times more than the government figures of annual cases.

But the Government was lagging several years behind most European countries and the United States in defining which sections of the population should receive the vaccine against the acute infection of the liver.

Professor Zuckerman, director of medical microbiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said male homosexuals, drug addicts and prostitutes were high risk groups who should be offered vaccination.

He told an international conference in London organized by the Hospital Infection Society that progress with the development of hepatitis B vaccines has been encouraging.

One of the latest vaccines was given government approval last week and is estimated to be about half as expensive as previous versions.

Worldwide hepatitis B kills 9,000 children every day and more than 284 million are estimated to be carriers of the infection which is transmitted in the same way as Aids, through contaminated blood and sexual intercourse.

Because of its costs — a course of immunization costs about £70 — vaccination is restricted in Britain to health care workers who are perceived as most at risk through contact with infected blood.

But the World Health Organization recommends that in addition, drug addicts, homosexuals, prostitutes, members of rescue services and patients and staff in institutions should also be protected.

New drug cure for hospital infections

By Our Science Correspondent

A new drug which could be crucial in controlling epidemics of hospital infections is likely to be made available by the end of next year.

However leading specialists are urging the Department of Health to speed approval of the drug, mupirocin, because of its importance.

The drug can be given to hospital staff and patients to prevent them being infected with methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) which has affected about 100 British hospitals.

The infection is estimated to cost the National Health Service about £100 million a year in control measures and other costs.

Professor Mark Casewell, of King's College Hospital, London, said yesterday: "It is widely accepted that this drug is crucial to controlling the spread of these infections".

Dr Michael Kelsey, consultant microbiologist at the Whittington Hospital, London, said: "This is the only drug we believe to be effective in eradicating the infection from the nasal membranes of carriers".

The drug has been developed by Beecham Pharmaceuticals in Britain and is undergoing clinical trials since it was reformulated to be used for the control of hospital infections.

After the trials are completed the Goverment's Committee on the Safety of Medicines has to approve it before it can be made generally available.

Hospitals can already use the drug in this way so long as it is done as part of the existing trials.

A spokesman for Beecham said last night that it was possible that the drug would get its final approval in about 12 months.

Woman leaves cash to DHSS

A woman aged 82 from Roath, Cardiff, has left £600 to her local social security office.

Staff said yesterday that they were "very touched".

Mr Lovet Manchip, from Epsom, Surrey, examining a prize dahlia at the 1987 National Dahlia Society Show held in the Royal Horticultural Society's new hall at Vincent Square, central London (Photograph: Peter Trievnor). Report, page 16

Child abuse inquiry

Criticism of social services

By David Cross

Leeds social services department was criticized in court yesterday for failing to tell foster parents about the behavioural problems of a boy aged two who died in their custody.

Mr Timothy Wells, representing Graham Hunter, who is charged with the boy's murder, told Leeds magistrates that the dead child and his older brother had shown behavioural problems when they were taken into care after allegations of sexual abuse by their natural parents. The dead boy had tended to injure himself.

Mr Hunter, aged 29, and his wife had not previously been foster parents. Mr Wells said it was startling that they should have been given the children without a warning of their special requirements.

Mr Wells said nothing was done by the social services or the doctors who later saw the child although he was covered in bruises and sustained a broken leg.

Mr David Taylor, for the prosecution, said the boy had been admitted to Leeds General Infirmary on August 20, and died three days later.

He said injuries had apparently been caused by shaking and there were also grip marks on the child's limbs and jaw, and cigarette burn marks.

Mr Hunter, from Headingley, Leeds, was remanded in custody for a week.

● Children aged under eight should be allowed to give evidence in sexual abuse cases, the Children's Legal Centre has told the Home Office.

It is calling for the Government to widen its proposals on allowing children to give evidence by video link in sexual abuse cases,

Cleveland affair 'had run wild'

By Peter Davenport

An official of a local community health council told the Cleveland child abuse inquiry yesterday of his increasing anger and frustration at being unable to halt the growing crisis surrounding the numbers of children being taken into care.

Mr John Urch, secretary of the South Tees community health council, said he had been in contact with police, social services officials, council officers, court officials and one of the two consultant paediatricians involved in the affair.

"The thing had run wild and everybody knew it had run wild and somebody should have been able to stop it.

"Our major concern was that here we had two paediatricians creating a situation which nobody felt they could do anything about stopping but everybody accepted there was chaos."

At one stage up to 25 children taken into care by the local authority on suspicion of being sexually abused were being kept in a ward at Middlesbrough General Hospital because all foster homes were full.

Mr Urch said the community health council had been concerned that those young and fit children were "galloping" around a ward meant for handling acute cases. The hospital was like "hellzapoppin land".

The two paediatricians at the centre of the controversy are Dr Marietta Higgs and Mr Geoffrey Wyatt, based at Middlesbrough General Hospital.

Mr Urch said that one police superintendent told him that the chief constable of Cleveland had written to all his divisional commanders at the height of the affair, ordering them not to undertake investigations of suspected child sexual abuse on the unsubstantiated evidence alone of Dr Higgs.

At one stage during his evidence the judge heading the inquiry, Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, asked him to calm down. He added: "Between May 13 and June 20 the affair in Cleveland could have been brought to a conclusion which would have been beneficial to the county and the children if all the disciplines involved had got together and said they could not countenance what was going on".

Mr Urch said that during his long conversation with Dr Higgs he asked her why she was examining children for signs of suspected sexual abuse when, in some cases, they had been brought to the hospital for other, routine complaints. He said she told him she was justified.

Earlier the inquiry sitting at Middlesbrough town hall heard from an organization which represents professionals working in the field of child abuse who said it was concerned and angry at the "procrastination" of the Government in producing guidance and regulations to cover the future handling of such cases.

Mr Norman Dunning, chairman of the British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (BASPCAN), whose 1,000 members include social workers, doctors, lawyers and teachers, said: "We are perplexed, if not a little angry, that there is so much public concern in this area and yet the response we seem to have from government is procrastination".

The inquiry continues today.

Pupils sit in as term starts

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

Twenty-six children aged eight spent the first day of term in a "sit-in" yesterday because their parents refuse to send them to the school alloted them by the local education authority.

The parents say they will deliver them there every day until the Kirklees authority in West Yorkshire reverses its decision to allot them places at a school where 93 per cent of the pupils are Asian.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, has asked Kirklees for details.

Backed by their solicitor, the former Conservative MP for Dewsbury, Mr John Whitfield, the parents, who are all white, delivered the children to their chosen school, Overthorpe Middle School, yesterday morning.

They sat in one of two empty classrooms until the afternoon when they were picked up by their parents.

Mr Geoffrey Cooper, one of the parents, said: "There is no doubt that Overthorpe can take the children and a teacher could easily be provided for them. Kirklees has surplus teachers."

Another parent, Mr Eric Hayley, said: "We are prepared to go on taking the children to Overthorpe for as long as it takes. We will go to the House of Lords if necessary."

The parents say there is not enough emphasis on Christianity in Headfield Middle School, where places are waiting for the children, and that the Asian pupils there speak English only as a second language.

Mr Ian McMillan, principal schools officer at Kirklees, said that the children would not be admitted to Overthorpe.

Glamour industry is bottom of the pay league

By John Spicer
Employment Affairs Correspondent

In spite of the glamorous image of the hairdressing industry, 19 out of 20 hairdressers earn poverty wages, according to a report out today.

The industry is bottom of the wages league, it says. Hairdressing's high skill levels are rarely matched by decent rewards and health and safety provisions are often inadequate.

Occupational sick pay and equal opportunity policies are rare, as are pension and maternity schemes.

In a survey of the hairdressing industry, the Low Pay Unit says that its annual turnover in Britain is £500 million. But for many in the industry the work is less than glamorous.

Estimates of the numbers working in hairdressing are put at anything between 92,500 and 120,000 — with women between 82 per cent and 87 per cent of the total.

The Low Pay Unit says there are 50,000 people under 21 in hairdressing, who are no longer covered by the legal minimum wage. More than two thirds of hairdressers are paid less than £80 a week.

The new legal minimum rate set for the country's 32,731 salons by the Hairdressing Wages Council of £78 a week before tax for adult hairdressers working full-time is barely sufficient to bring a single person up to the official poverty line, the report says.

In spite of that "pitiful" minimum wage, more than one in three (35.6 per cent) of hairdressing firms visited by the Wages Inspectorate were caught underpaying last year, it claims.

The report says even salons in smart locations such as Knightsbridge and Bond Street in London were offering starting salaries to trainees of just £33 to £35 a week.

One girl — "Liz" — completed three years' apprenticeship and had been working as a fully-qualified hairdresser for three years. When she contacted the Low Pay Unit's wages rights office, she was taking home £58 for a 46½ hour week. She received no overtime and no commission. After paying her travel, rent and giving her mother £10 a week, she was left with £13.

The Low Pay Unit says employers' organizations should adopt a "charter of minimum standards" to improve the reputation of the industry and to outlaw the worst "cowboy" salons. It says trade unions should launch a recruitment drive in hairdressing and take up their places on the wages council.

The National Hairdressers' Federation, the employers' group, said the Low Pay Unit was using the lowest figure set by the wages council, applying it to everyone and ignoring everything else.

The wages inspectorate was very short staffed, the federation said, and although it was meant to make random visits it tended to concentrate on visiting firms with bad reputations, or where a complaint had been received. As a result, the high proportion of firms found underpaying was distorted.

A Cut Below the Rest: pay and conditions in hairdressing (Low Pay Unit. 9 Upper Berkeley Street. London W1H 8BY; £2.80).

Ten worst paying jobs (full-time, April 1986)

	Avg earnings (a) £
Women	
Hairdressers	78.10
Barmaids	89.30
Shop check-out	90.30
Shop assistants etc	93.10
Waitresses	—
Other cleaners	98.20
Sewing machns (textiles)	96.40
Receptionists	100.60
Chefs/cooks	106.80
Packers, canners, etc	111.80
Men	
General farmworkers	121.00
Barmen	123.50
Hospital porters	125.70
Salesmen/shop assts	126.30
Butchers, etc	129.00
Caretakers	136.20
Craftsmen's mates	140.90
General labourers	145.00
Goods porters	146.20
Bakers, etc	149.60

(a) including overtime Source: New Earnings Survey 1986.

Stuffed eagle's owner is cleared

A stuffed golden eagle, which dominated a two-day legal battle, was carried out of a court room yesterday as its owner was cleared of illegally possessing the protected bird.

Mr Malcolm Everett, head of Two Hoots Taxidermists, of Truro, Cornwall, had fought a private prosecution brought by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, which proposes to appeal.

Sir Bryan Roberts, the magistrate, ruled at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, central London, that there was no case for the taxidermist to answer.

Bonham's, the London auctioneers, was also acquitted after pleading not guilty to the charge, under the Wild Life and Countryside Act, 1981, of unlawfully possessing the £600 bird.

Mr Everett, aged 40, of Trefusis Close, Truro, was cleared without giving evidence. The eagle had been seized by RSPB officers at Bonham's gallery in Lots Road, Chelsea, where Mr Everett put in up for auction in July last year.

The prosecution had argued that the defendants had to prove the eagle had not been killed illegally. The eagle had been found dead by a tourist on the Scottish island of North Uist in 1983, and was purchased by Mr Everett for £250 after it was stuffed.

Mr Everett said he had been told the bird had died by flying into power cables.

The society had first become suspicious when it was noticed that the eagle at the auction rooms bore what was thought to be a fake Department of the Environment dealer registration tag.

Mr Peter Levy, of Buxted Road, Barnet, a senior keeper at London zoo, who was a witness for the prosecution, told the court on the second day of the hearing that the original mounting plinth had the official tag attached, as required by the Act.

Nineteen other summonses against Mr Everett under the same Act were adjourned pending the RSPB's appeal.

He is accused of killing two wild buzzards in Truro last July; having equipment capable of being used to commit offences under the Act, and illegally possessing a number of eggs and dead birds for sale.

Frogmore will open to public

By David Sapsted

The public is going to be admitted for the first time to Frogmore House, the royal residence that dates from 1697, after the completion of a £2.3 million renovation project next year, the Government's Property Services Agency said yesterday.

The Queen has given permission for the 18-bedroom house, set in the grounds of Windsor Castle, to be opened for six weeks every year during August and September, when the Royal Family are on holiday at Balmoral.

Restoration of the Grade 1 listed building started in 1979. It is considered one of the finest examples of a James Wyatt renovation, undertaken for Queen Charlotte 125 years after it was built.

The house, used as a family museum by the Royal Family in recent years, was ravaged by dry rot and woodworm. Much of the work, now 80 per cent complete, has concentrated on bringing the building back to its former Victorian splendour.

Prince Albert's bedroom has been fully restored in the shades of green he favoured. He and Queen Victoria, as well as the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, are buried in the grounds of Frogmore.

Edward VII and George V also lived in the house before ascending to the throne, and it was the home of Queen Victoria's mother, the Duchess of Kent.

Buckingham Palace yesterday denied reports that the Queen was about to give the house to the Duke and Duchess of York as a belated wedding gift.

The couple at present rent Chideock Manor in Dorset, close to the Duke's naval posting at Portland.

The palace said: "There are no plans for the Duke and Duchess of York to live at Frogmore House. The building is being restored in view of its architectural and historical interest, and it is planned that parts of it will be open to the public in due course."

Storms cause road chaos

By Howard Foster

Thunderstorms brought flooding and traffic chaos to parts of southern England yesterday with up to an inch of rain falling in under an hour.

Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex and Suffolk received the heaviest rain as a cold front lying across southern England was hit by a stream of warm air moving up from the south.

Floods reached a depth of two feet in parts of Bedfordshire and some reports estimated that almost two inches of rain fell at Luton airport.

The Automobile Association reported a spate of minor accidents as vehicles skidded on the slippery road surfaces. Traffic jams built up in Luton, and there were tailbacks of 10 miles on sections of the M1, and other roads.

Bedfordshire police said: "It's been throwing it down and at times we were really stretched."

The London Weather Centre said that more than an inch of rain had fallen from the storm, up to 100 miles long by 40 miles wide, in some parts of Bedfordshire.

The centre said the weather would turn dry with some drizzle.

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Dog 'held for £8,000 ransom'

Two labourers kidnapped an old man's dog and forced him to pay £8,000 for its return, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Mr Dennis Elgar, aged 71, regarded the dog as his only friend, Mr Martin Heslop, for the prosecution, said, and he gave in to the kidnappers' demands.

Henry Duvall Smith, aged 31, of Holwood Tip, Greenstreet Green, Orpington, Kent, and Tony Simpson, aged 23, of Hillfield Cottages, St Mary Cray, Kent, deny making blackmail demands for £8,000 and £4,000 and obtaining £2,000 from Mr Elgar by deception. The money was allegedly paid for unnecessary work on Mr Elgar's home in Southview, Bromley, south-east London.

With another man, John Friend, aged 28, of Cherry Orchard Close, St Mary Cray, they deny making another £2,000 blackmail demand.

Mr Heslop said Mr Smith and Mr Simpson appeared "out of the blue" at Mr Elgar's home on February 4 last year and told him the roof of his small semi-detached house was starting to deteriorate.

The two claimed to be from the Board of Trade and charged him £600 for work on the roof. In fact, they replaced only 23 tiles for which an appropriate charge would be £60.

Two days later they returned and conned him out of £300 for work on the roof which should have cost only £150.

Mr Smith and Mr Simpson, not content with the £2,000 they tricked out of Mr Elgar for unnecessary roof repairs and the £8,000 for his dog, had returned and again threatened to kill the dog, Kipper, unless another £4,000 was paid.

By then, they had had the bulk of Mr Elgar's £10,000 savings. "He told them he could not pay and did not wish to see or speak to them again", Mr Heslop said.

Undeterred, the two used Mr Friend to get them into Mr Elgar's house by a trick.

"The three demanded £2,000 and actually threatened Kipper by putting a noose round his neck.

"By then, Mr Elgar had plucked up enough courage to go to the police."

The case continues today.

SDP CONFERENCE

Conference welcomes progress in missile talks

The conference passed an emergency motion welcoming the recent progress in negotations to reduce shorter and intermediate-range nuclear weapons.

It urged the Government to facilitate the early agreement of the INF treaty by making arrangement with the Soviet Union and the United States for the verification of the removal of cruise missiles from the United Kingdom.It also urged the Government to review its plans for a big increase in British nuclear weapons.

***Mr John Roper*, Barnet, moving the motion, said that the progress made in the INF talks last week meant that two of the remaining obstacles to nuclear arms reductions had been removed. If the process continued they would see a summit in Washington before the end of the year and, for the first time, a reduction in nuclear weapons.**

There had to be proper arrangements for the verification of the removal of cruise missiles from Britain. It could not be down to the United States and Russians alone. The British Government must insist on proper methods.

The superpowers were looking seriously at reducing their strategic weapons but these talks were being held up by Mr Reagan's obsession with SDI.They would have to wait for his successor to get progress.

The party was right in asking for a nuclear element in Britain's defence for as long as it was militarily necessary.

"Our twin-track approach of effective defence but going for, where we can, effective arms control and disarmament is being proved to have been right", he asis. "Let us support it and continue it into the future."

***Lord Kennet* said that there had to be British participation in the verification process. They could not have Russian and United States officers walking into Greenham Common and Molesworth on their own and telling us that all was well. There had to be British officers too.**

***Mr William Rodgers*, winding up the debate, said that the SDP had always and consistently opposed a major increase in British nuclear weapons, and he hoped they could continue with that policy. He emphasized the need, however, for a nuclear element in British defence as long as military necessity justified it.**

In the relationship between the superpowers, the glacier could break up and the ice floes begin to move.They were not yet at that position, but there was hope that they could appland the removal of cruise missiles, just as they had been prepared to face the necessity of their being in Britain.

There was no contradiction between their attitudes four years ago and what they hoped would happen now. Over the whole life of the SDP there had been a steady consistency in their policy.In parallel with acceptance of nuclear weapons, they had supported arms control and multilateral disarmament.

"It will be immensely pleasing if we can talk more of the latter than of the competing claims of competing weapons systems" (applause).

Military necessity, not status, prestige or pride, must be the deciding factor and no one in the SDP would want to see British nuclear weapons as an impediment to a breakthrough to an important disarmament agreement. "For more than six years we have talked, in our party, of defence and disarmament in the same breath. That is the way we must continue."

DEFENCE

Case for British nuclear weapons 'remains valid'

The basic case for Britain and France to retain nuclear weapons in the face of the huge arsenal of the Soviet Union was likely to remain valid for the foreseeable future, Mr **Simon Head**, author of a discussion paper on European security, said.

Opening an assembly debate on the paper, he said that because the status of the United States and the Soviet Union as superpowers was intimately bound up with their possession of nuclear weapons, the task of reducing them would always be long, difficult and painful and it would be deception to tell the people otherwise.

When Britain and France joined the negotiations on disarmament, it was overwhelmingly probable that they would be negotiating about reductions in nuclear weapons, but they would not be in a position to negotiate themselves out of existence as nuclear powers.

"Britain and France should not use these negotiations as a pretext for postponing decisions which have to be made on modernizing those deterrents."

If the concept of a European minimum deterrent meant anything, it meant that Britain and France could undertake in part or in whole the defence of Europe and of Germany above all.

"Enough uncertainty exists about the long-term intentions of the United States, particularly as long as SDI [star wars] remains on the drawing board, for Britain and France to avoid taking any decisions now which will preclude forever their ability to defend Europe if in future the need should arise.

"That is the argument for Britain and France to remain nuclear weapon states and to undertake the modernization of their deterrents."

Mr John Bancroft, of Edinburgh, said that he did not believe that the Government had any intention of getting rid of nuclear weapons, which it regarded as a fundamental and convenient part of defence policy. It had deceived the people.

Sir Reginald Harland, a retired air marshal, said that Mr Head's paper was too narrow, long and windy. It should be referred back for much further consideration.

The paramount issue was deterring wars of all sorts, not just in Europe but anywhere where Britain's interests might involve it in conflict.

Mr Neville Pressley, of Worthing, said that he hoped that the merged party would be able to agree a policy on defence that would be supported by all except those on the extremes. Defence should not be allowed to prevent the merger.

The majority of the SDP wished to merge with a party that had never shared Dr David Owen's stance on defence so they must be prepared to compromise.

"Do not commit yourselves to Trident. It is very unlikely that the Liberals can agree with this."

They were optimistic enough to take a chance on people's attitudes changing so that the new party could go to the electorate and state that British security did not require the nuclear deterrent.

"I ask the negotiators not to force a policy on the new party. Look ahead to the time when common security can embrace Eastern Europe as well."

Rabbi Julia Neuberger, National Committee, said that they could not set out a firm defence policy without talking seriously about arms control. They were obsessed with rocketry and not concerned enough with arms control.

There was a strong moral case for convincing the people that they had to look beyond these island shores and that Britain's defence might not be wholly in British hands.

Mr John Cartwright, MP for Woolwich, winding up the debate, said that if they wanted to get rid of their nuclear weapons they had to look at the effectiveness of their conventional defence. There was a powerful case for European co-operation in conventional defence.

"Our indictment of this Government in the field of defence is that it is conning the public and giving the impression that it is doing better than it is. It is stretching the resources further and further and thinner and thinner. It is undermining the effectiveness of our fighting forces."

There had to be a defence review, but it should be carried out in co-operation with their European allies.

He and Dr Owen had had the opportunity to talk to leading American military commanders. They had said that it would be unwise to assume that the present level of the American commitment to Western Europe would go on for ever. Europe had to do more and be seen to do more for itself.

He added: "The basic and more fundamental problem is that if you are to provide a more effective but less powerful replacement for Polaris than Trident, without indicating what that replacement may be, you have to demonstrate that your replacement ideas are not something which struck you on a rainy Sunday afternoon".

When he had tried to do that during the election, some in the Alliance acted like a Victorian heroine, had a fit of the vapours and fainted away.

He had been to Barrow where the submarines were being built. By 1991 it would be impossible to cancel them and by then the amount spent on the submarines and the missiles would have been such that there would be no financial saving from cancellation.

If there was to be a new weapon system fitted to them, the submarines would have to be reconfigured to accept whatever system it was decided to buy. They would then have to find a replacement system for Polaris because it was to be phased out in the mid-1990s. There would be long delays and there would be dangerous gaps.

Turning to arms control, he said that he welcomed the prospects for an INF deal. It offered the possibility that for the first time brand-new systems would be not just withdrawn or redeployed, but actually destroyed. That was an extraordinary step forward in the history of arms control.

It would be more difficult to get agreement on strategic weapons and SDI was a considerable obstacle.

The Soviet Union would be reluctant to reduce its strategic weapons if it knew that the United States had the capacity to destroy a large portion of its ballistic missiles.

"Sound defence and sensible disarmament must go hand-in-hand. This is an approach of which we can be justly proud. It is an approach we should stick to."

Mr William Rodgers: "In our party for six years we have talked of defence and disarmament in the same breath".

HEALTH

We have to stand by the NHS

The party must reaffirm its commitment to a National Health Service free at the point of use and funded out of taxation, Mr **Eric Moonman**, a member of the CSD council and former Labour MP, told the assembly.

Introducing his paper on the health service in the 1990s, he said that the time had come for a rational and quiet debate about the future.

If there was an increase in funding in line with the gross domestic product it would mean they would have to find an extra £1,000 million in 1988.

That made one realize the difficulties in trying to keep pace with the rapid expansion in the service as a result of people living longer, new developments and people wanting a better service.

They had to consider different ways of funding the service. They should allow district health authorities to buy services from and sell services to other district health authorities. He wanted a truly national health service rather than one concerned with one locality.

There had to be co-operation with the consultants, clerical and administrative staff and general practitioners. "What we are after is a service which will we much more effective than in the past."

They were on the right lines. The health service must evolve and not be used for short-term political advantage. They would make it a better service.

Dr Lutfe Kamal, of Wakefield, said the health service had deteriorated to an emergency service only during the past 25 years. There was nothing wonderful about the health service if they looked to the rest of Europe. The infant mortality rate was much lower in Scandinavia.

With an ageing population, increased cost of technology and increased expectations, more and more resources would be necessary.

Dr Aileen Burford-Mason, of North Hertfordshire, said that highly trained and educated people in the health service such as pharmacists, radiographers, dieticians and medical laboratory scientific officers were paid so badly that their morale was "at an all-time low".

It would be wonderful if, as a matter of course, enough books were supplied to schools and enough equipment to hospitals while Mrs Thatcher had to organize sponsored walks for Trident, she said to loud applause.

Mrs Shirley Williams with Mr Robert Maclennan in Portsmouth yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Debates 'with respect'

Mrs Shirley Williams, the party president, bringing the conference to a close, said that it had been one of the most troubled and difficult conferences they had had, but, in the words of D.H. Lawrence: "Look, we have come through".

In their difficult debate on Monday on the merger issue, whatever the passion, and in some quarters heartbreak, it had been a debate conducted with mutual respect, tolerance and restraint, which have always been the hallmark of the party.

The negotiations with the Liberals would be tough and there were many difficulties to be faced. But there were many things which united the SDP and the Liberal Party during the course of the election.

They knew that the media would make the most of every difference, but they should ask themselves who owned the paper and who it advised its readers to vote for on June 11 (applause). "Then say to yourself in the immortal words of that political philosopher Mandy Rice-Davis: 'They would, wouldn't they'."

SOCIAL MARKET DEBATE

Party 'must make its philosophy clear if it is to hope to convince the voters'

Problems of definition of the social market, one of the main planks of the SDP, were voiced during the closing session of the conference.

Opening a debate on the social market, Mr **Charles Brown**, North Humberside, said that many voters said that they did not know what SDP policies were. What they were really saying was that they did not know what their philosophy was and they were right.

He was moving a motion calling on the Council for Social Democracy to reaffirm its commitment to the social-market economy, which was later carried without opposition.

He said that the SDP was in favour of market forces, but not totally free-running markets.

Too many voters had seen signs of something promising but were confused about what the SDP were about and decided to stick with what was familiar. It was an appeal to the heart that got voters for their party.

Why should the comfortable advantaged be concerned for those at the bottom? What they had to do was to articulate what they were trying to do by the social market. There were about 60 per cent of the population who were liberal, comfortable and prepared to pay reasonable taxes. Why were they not being persuaded that the SDP represented their aspirations?

Mr **Anthony Goodman**, Harrow, moved an amendment, later rejected, suggesting detailed definitions of aspects of the social market. It said that markets were the best motor for the generation of growth, wealth and choice for all. It stated that markets should be made freer by increasing competition, efficiency and consumer choice.

He said that if they were really into the new politics of cooperation and consensus, the social market must lie at the heart of that consensus.

To win an election they had to get the support of some of the 40 per cent of the voters who had returned Mrs Thatcher for the third time.

The party should argue that the essential monopolies such as electricity, coal and water should remain in the public sector. But they could not seriously say the same about Jaguar Cars or British Airways and nor should they say "never" to privatizing the Rover Group.

However, he had no hesitation in denouncing British Telecom as one of the most incompetent and arrogant institutions in the British economy. He would have no hesitation in breaking up BT into regional units.

Mr Michael Miller, South Suffolk, said that he had worked for the Post Office and British Telecom for 25 years and, like the other 200,000 employees, he was committed to an efficient and successful company.

With modern technology the size of the network produced economies of scale. One consequence of introducing competition would be to lose that advantage. There was room for only a limited number of companies.

In the United States they had so-called local companies. Their networks were all about the size of the British Telecom network. When drawing up policies they should use the knowledge of people involved in the industries.

Mrs Hilary Long, Bristol, said that she had always seen the SDP as a consumers' party.

The social market was a mechanism which was always consumer-responsive. Such a market could not be based on the present free-for-all society. It was important that the party should communicate the distinctive difference of its policy of a social market to the voter.

Mr Bernard Hughes, City of London and Westminster, South, said that the social market existed to move forward the frontiers of the welfare state and secure its provisions into the 1990s.

Only the Social Democrats had put forward a social market. No other party had seen the need. He hoped that it would be adopted by the new party which many members might go into. It was about advancing the mechanisms for the welfare state.

Mrs Margaret Sharp, Guildford, said that the term "social market" had been bandied round too carelessly by many people (applause). The policy committee should produce a definition of the phrase.

They rightly condemned Thatcher privatization for turning public monopolies into private monopolies, but it was folly to believe that breaking up those private monopolies into smaller parts would solve the problem.

Miss Hilary Campbell, Edinburgh, welcomed the motion but said that they needed a radically different theme.

"If we are ever going to break through, we have to be saying something different, not just a bit more or a bit less."

Mr Iain Cundy, Coventry, said that the motion strongly reaffirmed the commitment to the idea of a social-market economy, but he would be grateful if someone would tell them what it was and what it meant.

POLL TAX

Repeal is 'pressing matter'

Dr Dickson Mabon, former SDP MP, told the conference that the the repeal of the poll tax was the most pressing political matter facing the country.

Speaking from the platform, he said that they must give one more heave to try to stop the Bill affecting England and Wales from going through and then call for the withdrawal of the Act that will operate in Scotland.

The council passed a motion calling on the Government to scrap the tax and replace it with a local income tax and also to set up a constitutional convention for the government of Scotland.

Mr Alan Heron, of Glasgow, moving the motion, said that the Prime Minister regarded the Scots as guinea pigs for the Thatcher revolution.

The poll tax was not based on the ability to pay. It was simply another Tory tax cut for the rich. In Scotland they did not have the dubious advantage of a four-year phase-in period.

Mr Fred Winkless, Maidstone, urged introduction of a land value tax.

Maclennan takes tough stand

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The new leader said that in addition to arriving at a new constitution the talks had to result in a "sharpening up" of Alliance policies.

Mr Maclennan, MP for Caithness and Sutherland, emphasized that the SDP was committed to retaining the independent nuclear deterrent.

This principle was one of a number he wanted incorporated in a statement akin to the Limehouse declaration that laid down the party's foundations in 1981.

He also came to the aid of Dr David Owen, who had earlier dismissed as "infantile" threats by senior Liberals to field a candidate against him and his Commons supporters, Mr John Cartwright and Mrs Rosie Barnes. Mr Maclennan said he would resist any such move by anyone within the Alliance.

Although many of the 480 delegates left Portsmouth believing that their party had begun the slow process of healing its self-inflicted wounds, the conference ended with a graphic reminder of the bitterness that now pervades the Gang of Four.

In her closing address, Mrs Shirley Williams, the party president, angrily rejected an accusation made by Dr Owen during a lunchtime BBC radio interview that she and other SDP founders had "chickened out" by turning their backs on the fourth party.

With Dr Owen sitting only a yard away, she insisted: "I have never chickened out of anything."

Mr Maclennan's comments came at his first press conference since being elected leader, which he handled with surprising aplomb.

Dr Owen also maintained that he found cause for satisfaction in the conference, even though its decisions have further loosened his faltering grip on the party he dominated until the election.

He said that members of both factions now accepted there was to be an amicable parting of the ways, with some joining a new merged party and others remaining within a "credible" SDP.

Mr Maclennan said his objective was to ensure that if a new united party were formed, it would offer a comfortable home to the overwhelming majority of both parties. Without this almost spontaneous conversion to a single party, the merger exercise would fail.

His toughest remarks, which are bound to alarm the enduring and powerful unilateralist tendency within the Liberal Party, came on defence and policy in general.

He said: "We must rid ourselves of some of the embarrassments which limited our appeal in the last general election. The SDP attaches prime importance to the maintenance of Britain's nuclear capacity."

Mr Maclennan is to attend and probably address the Liberal conference in Harrogate later this month.

He diplomatically skirted round perhaps the most tendentious issue dividing the two parties, by saying that the forthcoming talks were not the forum for deciding matters of detail.

Mrs Shirley Williams, the party president, is to write to all area parties and SDP Council members today seeking their views.

Talks will commence in early October. An SDP team of no more than eight will be finalized at a national committee meeting on September 21 – the week after the Liberal team is agreed at its party conference – and will incorporate a broad spectrum of party opinion including some who originally voted against merger but are now prepared to suspend judgement. Dr Owen's supporters will, at his urging, not participate.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Council for Social Democracy, on January 30 and 31, is to be held in Sheffield and not Swansea as orginally planned. The decision comes after protests earlier in the week that it should not be held further south than the Derby-Nottingham area because of the problems for those travelling from the North and Scotland.

COMMENTARY

Geoffrey Smith

Neither side of the SDP had cause for rejoicing as they left Portsmouth yesterday after this tumultuous conference.

The "mergerites" had more reason for satisfaction. They won the critical votes. The negotiations with the Liberals will go ahead. They will probably succeed, though that cannot be taken for granted now that Mr Maclennan has laid down tough terms on policy.

It will be better both for Social Democrats and Liberals if they can agree, for the simple reason that there is not room for two small parties in the centre of British politics.

The rational alternative to merger would be to revive the Alliance. But that uneasy arrangement was not convincing to the electorate last June and would look even less credible in 1991 after all that has happened over these past few months.

Yet merger has never been a solution in itself. It can be no more than a means of increasing the impact of Social Democrats and Liberals by combining their forces in a way that should enable them to fight through their differences, sharpen their policies and look more persuasive to the electorate. British electors are accustomed to vote for single parties not complex partnerships.

The tragedy for the SDP and the Liberals, however, is that the new party that is now in prospect will not combine all their forces. A merger that included the Owenites would look so much stronger.

One could not move around Portsmouth these past few days without being told what a difficult colleague Dr Owen had been. But it is his personality that has made an impact on the British public, his views on policy that have won respect. Without his contribution any new party will be less than it might have been.

Worse still, it may well have to face a period of guerrilla warfare with the Owenites. Rather than having the centre ground to itself, which is the purpose of creating a new party, it may find that its energies are diverted in fighting to secure that position. It might even be forced to make some tactical compromises.

But what does the future hold for the Owenites? They must hope either that the negotiations with the Liberals fail or that they are able to reach some kind of electoral pact with a new party. Yet neither prospect is in fact particularly alluring.

If the Social Democrats and Liberals do not merge it will not now be possible to patch together another partnership that would command public confidence. They would have proclaimed their incompatibility to the world.

If there is a merger the new party will not stand aside for the Owenites in, say, twenty or thirty seats unless it is forced to do so. That would probably happen only if they were able to prevent the merged party winning by-elections. Only if they were able to demonstrate sufficient blocking power would a deal become a possibility.

This points to months, perhaps years, of sterile combat on the margin of British politics. And then what? If he was able to gather a handful of MPs around him Dr Owen might be in a position to do a deal with one or another of the other parties.

He is not a closet Conservative, but in due course he might find it easiest to cooperate with the Conservatives.

The one circumstance in which it might make sense to have another small party in the centre of British politics would be if there was proportional representation.

The logic of Dr Owen's position, though I doubt if he sees it like this, is that he is banking on electoral reform within the reasonably near future. But that is frankly a long shot.

So, although to my mind the right decisions on the merger issue have been taken at Portsmouth this week, they have to be seen in a wider context. There is a long way to go before the British electorate will have the option of voting for a convincing centre party.

Conference reports by Robert Morgan, John Winder and Peter Mulligan

Teachers now have no excuse for strikes, says Baker

By Sarah Thompson, Education Reporter

There will be "no excuse" for teachers to take industrial action this year, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said yesterday introducing a start of term report on Britain's schools.

He said: "Children have the right to trouble-free education. This is what they should get."

But Mr James Hammond, the leader of the National Confederation of Parent-Teacher Associations, said: "If teachers are not given a role in negotiating their pay, there will be more strikes in schools in the second term of the year".

Mr Baker said: "From October, school teachers will get the second half of their average 16 per cent pay rise. That means that from March 1986 to this October they will have had an average 25 per cent increase.

"That is generous by any standard and should make this school year very different from recent ones in one important respect. There should be no excuse for disruptive action."

He said a good honours graduate starting this term would get £163 a week from October and after two years would receive £192 a week. There would also be incentive payments for outstanding teachers.

"The new pay scale and the incentives will bring good graduates into teaching and help keep good teachers in the profession", he said.

Mr Baker, who has been criticized for allowing too little time for consultation on his Education Reform Bill, said that all the Government's reforms were a "drive to raise quality".

"Our schools are in the course of the most far-reaching reforms since Rab Butler's famous Education Act of 1944", he said.

"We are introducing new-style governing bodies. Very soon, parents at county schools will have about a quarter of the seats, the same number as the local councillors. Local business will also be involved.

"Another reform is the new examination at 16 plus – the General Certificate of Secondary Education. There is already evidence that pupils are better motivated by the courses.

"Parents see a difference between their older offspring who went through the old system and their younger children going through the new."

He outlined the main aims of the Bill: the national foundation curriculum; delegation of budgets to governors at larger schools; abolition of artificial intake limits; and the voluntary "opt-out" scheme allowing larger schools to leave their local education authorities.

The Government, he said, had "listened to the ordinary parents", recognizing their hopes and anxieties and extending their freedom of choice and influence.

Mr Hammond called Mr Baker's statement "a good gimmick".

He said teachers were still deeply disaffected and added: "They want to know firstly what kind of a pay rise the new advisory council is going to recommend, and secondly, if they are going to be able to negotiate their pay soon. Unless Mr Baker acts on these two points rapidly, there will be a return to some form of industrial action next term."

The National Union of Teachers said Mr Baker's comparison of himself with Rab Butler was "a monumental impertinence".

"The 1944 Education Act was an historic step forward for the nation's children. What we now face is a slide into chaos in which the losers will be those children who are not part of the privileged minority the Government cares about."

● *Parents should pay means-tested fees at state schools, the chairman of the Preparatory Schools Association said yesterday.*

Mr Tim Fisher, speaking at the opening of the association's conference in Oxford, said such a system would ensure that "many of the good effects of fee-paying would extend to the state sector and bring all sorts of strengths.

"There is no reason why parents should not be asked to contribute directly to the education of the children they choose to bring into the world", he said.

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School meals improve

School meals are becoming better for health, according to a survey by *Which?* magazine (Our Education Reporter writes). It adds, however, that the lunchtime diet of 105,000 children could still be improved.

A survey of the 105 local education authorities and a random sample of 474 state secondary schools in England and Wales showed that 88 per cent of authorities and 68 per cent of schools have a healthy eating policy.

That is usually backed up by classroom campaigns urging children to cut down on fats and sugars and to eat more fibre-rich wholefoods.

In 8 per cent of the schools surveyed, however, children were offered little but the old-fashioned menu of greasy chips with everything.

Milk blends save endangered animals

Dr James Kirkwood, senior veterinary officer at London zoo, with a South African springhaas which has been rejected by its mother (Andrew Morgan writes). The small rodent has become the latest mammal at the zoo to benefit from research into milk mixes which senior scientists hope will form part of a unique international collation.

Each mammal requires its own milk blend to absorb the proper nutrition. Information about particular blends has helped to save such endangered species as the golden lion tamarin, Arabian oryx, addax, a small antelope from the Saharan fringes, and the Chinese waterdeer.

Dr Kirkwood found that an established milk blend was adequate for the seven-week-old male springhass. But many rejected mammals require an individual laboratory mix of water, fat, carbohydrate and protein.

The baby rhinoceros needs 75 per cent of its milk to be carbohydrate, while the elephant likes 41 per cent fat, 24 per cent protein and 29 per cent sugar. Sea lions and deer, hand-reared at London zoo, require high fat and protein.

The neo-natal period is a high-risk phase for wild and captive animals. Each year, London zoo receives many calls asking for milk mix advice. The zoo has compiled more than a hundred milk recipes from scientific literature and home research.

Yesterday, Sherley's, the pet product firm, provided the first part of its £3,000 sponsorship to employ a research assistant to compile information on the remaining mammals out of the 4,072 total on the planet. Dr Kirkwood said: "This research could lead to a reduction in infant mortality and greater chances for endangered species".

(Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

'Too many trains are crowded'

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

Railway commuters in eastern England are not getting sufficient value for money, according to the watchdog committee that looks after rail users' interests in the region.

It says that there is too much overcrowding with passengers habitually standing night after night, and that some passenger carriages are less comfortable than rolling stock built 55 years ago.

Those comments are made in the annual report of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for Eastern England, published yesterday.

It says that the problem of overcrowding on commuter trains should be alleviated by longer trains.

"We note with alarm the increasing number of complaints about overcrowding on long distance as well as commuter services. BR's targets for load factors are high by any standard. We appreciate the need for BR to balance the thorough use of resources against the discomfort of some passengers, but feel the balance has tilted too far against the passengers' comfort."

The committee considers that the overall standard of punctuality of trains in eastern England has been below that which the travelling public has the right to expect.

The Great Eastern Main Line from London to Norwich via Chelmsford, Colchester and Ipswich, is said in the report to have been acknowledged as being "the least reliable in the country".

The committee does not have precise statistics on punctuality of trains, but believes that the average lateness was the highest for many years on the Great Eastern and London-Tilbury-Southend lines in the 12 months to last March.

It is also highly critical of some rolling stock being used on newly electrified lines.

The committee praises the "substantial improvements" in catering in station buffets, and says there has been "some improvement", with a more attractive range of food and drink being offered, on trains.

Commenting on the report, British Rail's Eastern Region said that punctuality was the best it had been for years.

It acknowledged that overcrowding was a problem which was caused by the increasing number of travellers using the railway.

As new rolling stock was introduced on other parts of the railway system it would release vehicles which could be used on East Anglian lines.

Overseas visitors

Tourism set for record year

By Derek Harris

Tourists are flocking to Britain in greater numbers than ever as the country has progressively boosted its attraction as a tourist destination.

In the first six months of this year the number of overseas visitors was 8 per cent up on the same period in 1985, the record year so far, while spending rose 13 per cent.

It brought a forecast for a bumper 1987 from Mr Duncan Bluck, chairman of the British Tourist Authority. He said: "We are well on target for a full-year result which will make 1987 the best year ever in the history of British tourism".

The 1987 first half figures were even further ahead of the comparable ones for last year, when tourist numbers collapsed. Scares over terrorism and the after-effects of the Chernobyl disaster took their toll, mainly by cutting visitors from the United States.

There were 6.8 million visitors from abroad in the first six months of this year, 16 per cent more than in the same period of last year. Incoming visitors spent £2,514 million, a fifth more than in the first half last year.

The United Kingdom has drawn the extra visitors both from North America and western Europe. North American visitors showed a 24 per cent rise. Western Europeans were not far behind, with an 18 per cent rise in visitors. Visitors from the rest of the world fell by 1 per cent.

An increasing number of communities in Britain have boosted their leisure attractions – from improving hotel accommodation and enhancing cuisines to setting up heritage museums and events.

The extent of the recovery from the 1986 scares showed up in the June figures, which were also issued yesterday by the Department of Employment.

The 1.5 million overseas visitors represented a 29 per cent increase over the previous June, with the 420,00 North Americans a rise of a full 60 per cent. Western Europe's 830,000 visitors showed a 27 per cent increase.

Spending by those from abroad jumped by almost a third with £620 million, benefiting shops, hotels and attractions.

However, that figure includes an element of business expenditure because the visitor totals include those coming to Britain for industrial and commercial reasons.

In June, the month of the general election, there was a 3 per cent drop in the numbers of Britons travelling abroad

But that decline in overseas trips was against the prevailing trend. In the first six months overall the numbers were up 7 per cent.

The boom in United States holidays reported by package tour companies showed up in the popularity of North America with British visitors.

Almost 40 per cent more Britons went to North America, against a 5 per cent rise to western Europe and an 11 per cent increase to other areas.

Women on business trips seek better deal

By John Spicer

An association of businesswomen travellers is being set up next month to make life easier for women who travel alone on business.

It plans to involve hotels, airlines and travel firms so that they can make their staff more aware of the problems facing lone women travellers.

The association has emerged from a survey conducted earlier this year by World Travel Agency which found Britain one of the worst places in the world for women to get good hotel service.

Responses from 180 female executives showed that women had little chance of drinking alone in a hotel bar without harassment.

Mrs Sally Jackson, sales manager of World Travel, said problems began for women as soon as they left home. They got rotten service and were overcharged in hotels and restaurants.

In aircraft, stewardesses catered to male travellers' every whim, but often ignored lone women, she said.

She would like to a see a "Bill of rights" for women travellers.

At least one hotel chain tried to acknowledge their special needs and banned its staff from calling women guests "honey", "dear" or similar terms.

Mrs Jackson added: "Women are often condemned to eat alone in their hotel rooms and one of the ideas we are considering is to persuade hotels to have visitors tables where people in like situations could enjoy a meal together".

She said the proposed association would advise women on such matters as dress for the Middle East and warn them about possible no-go areas.

£1m pools win for lucky 13

A factory's managing director and his workforce of 12 are set to share a £1,049,813 Littlewoods pools win. Mr David Farrington, managing director of Farringtons light engineering company in Hyde, Cheshire, flew into Manchester airport yesterday from holiday to learn of the success.

The group's £4.41 stake is collected by Mr Geoffrey Hoyle, the company's general manager, who received the cheque yesterday from Les Dennis, the comedian. Mr Hoyle said: "Everyone pays 40p a week and every now and then we get a free go. We have just won a million for nothing."

He and his wife, Hilary, realized on Saturday evening they had won. Mrs Hoyle said: "I have always told him that doing the pools was a waste of money so when he asked me to double check his copy coupon I hadn't a clue. What is a score draw?"

Business calls for tax fillip

By John Spicer

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, can afford £3 billion in tax cuts as well as big tax reforms in his next Budget, according to the Institute of Directors.

In a branch discussion paper being sent to all institute member companies, Mr Sandy Anson, the institute's taxation research executive, says that in 1988, Mr Lawson will have the political and financial scope for tax cuts and reform.

"The first Budget of a new Parliament is the time for radical change", Mr Anson writes. "Nigel Lawson led the world with his corporation tax and life assurance reforms in 1984 after the 1983 election victory.

"The momentum was then lost. Other countries meanwhile have been bolder in their reforms – the US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan. Marginal tax rates, particularly on higher incomes, are coming down worldwide."

Mr Anson said there was scope to increase the public sector borrowing requirement, which was reduced in this year's Budget from £7 billion to £4 billion. That could be done without creating higher inflation or higher interest rates. The PSBR would have to be kept low only if the economy began to "overheat".

The institute is asking members for their opinions on what the Chancellor should do in his 1988 Budget. It will then prepare its Budget representations, to be approved by the institute's council in December and sent to the Chancellor in January.

Members are being asked if the Chancellor should keep to the medium-term financial strategy – that is, hold PSBR at 1 per cent of gross domestic product and keep spending growth slower than GDP – and to list priorities for cutting or reforming taxes.

Philips opens fire in disc-tape war

By Robert Matthews

The electronics company Philips yesterday launched a home entertainment system based on compact disc, which it hopes will lessen the threat to CD posed by next month's introduction in Britain of digital audio tape (Dat).

Called Combi, the new system exploits the enormous information storage capability of a compact disc to combine digitally-recorded music with video pictures on a single compact disc.

The Combi machine costs about £450, and will be able to play ordinary music-only compact discs, as well as the new combined compact disc video discs. It will be electronically compatible with any standard television and full-size hi-fi systems.

The compact disc video discs will cost from £5.99, for a disc of up to 26 minutes of music including a six-minute video recording, to up to £20 for an hour-long disc of music and vision.

Philips, which invented CD technology, hopes that the undoubted popularity of pop video tapes will help CD fight off the challenge from Dat hi-fi technology which Sony is bringing to the United Kingdom next month.

Having been introduced by Philips five years ago, CD is now gaining popularity, and its supporters fear that their massive investment in CD making plants may be lost if Dat succeeds.

However, industry observers believe that consumers will only buy a CD video system when a substantial body of recorded material becomes available. As yet, no CD video discs are available, and, like sound-only CD, it could be some time before a selection becomes available.

By that time Dat, which many believe has the key advantage over CD of being able to record, may have gained a substantial market.

Rapist who attacked prison visitor is jailed

A twice-convicted rapist was yesterday jailed for eight years for trying to rape an elderly prison visitor.

Mr Justice Alliott said at Bristol Crown Court that Leslie Broderick, aged 54, had shown a "monstrous betrayal of trust" to the woman who befriended him out of deep religious conviction while he was serving a jail sentence for rape.

He told Broderick, who had 21 previous convictions for offences including rape, assault and burglary: "No one in this court can be other than appalled at the record you bring to the dock and your behaviour towards this lady".

He sentenced Broderick to eight years each, concurrently, after he admitted attempted rape and attempting to choke the woman, a Quaker aged 68, with intent to rape. The offences took place at the woman's flat in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, on December 10 last year, 11 months after his last release from jail.

Det Insp William Gaskin said Broderick had twice raped a widow aged 60 in 1976, and in 1981, while on licence for that offence, he raped a girl aged 16.

Mr Alun Jenkins, for the prosecution, said that it was while in prison for that rape offence that the Quaker woman befriended him.

Broderick had been drinking when he went to her flat. She invited him in and as they were talking he tried to kiss her and theatened her with a knife. He took her to a bedroom where she lost consciousness after he placed his hands around her neck.

When she recovered, she found an electric flex tied around her neck. But the accused said he did not intend raping her and he left.

Concorde trip for 1784 wine

The world's most expensive half bottle of wine left Britain yesterday wrapped in a sock wedged in a picnic box.

The 1784 claret was bought for about £18,000 by an American publisher after it had lain undisturbed in a French cellar for more than 200 years. Documents showed that it was originally ordered by President Thomas Jefferson and they carry the date and his initials.

The wine, from the Chateau Margaux vineyard, was flown from Heathrow Airport as Concorde hand baggage to New York, accompanied by Mr Michael Broadbent, director of wines at Christie's, who handled the sale. He chilled it slightly before the flight and hoped it would stay relatively cool for the three-and-a-half hour journey.

"It is an extraordinary historic wine which had lain undisturbed until 1985. It is a most healthy colour for one of its age", Mr Broadbent said before boarding the flight.

"When I recorked it earlier this year I just took a tiny bit on the tip of my tongue. It was fruity, dry and quite drinkable", he said.

The half bottle of wine, which works out at £4,500 a glass, has been bought by Mr Marvin Shanken, a New York publisher.

'Fresh start' prison scheme expanding

More than half Britain's prisons will be operating "fresh start" schemes by the end of this month, Lord Caithness, Home Office minister responsible for prisons, said yesterday.

"These schemes are everything we have hoped for", he said on a fact-finding visit to Strangeways prison, Manchester. "I have not yet found anyone who would like to go back to the old system, which was 40 years old."

Fresh start schemes incorporate the introduction of new work rotas for prison officers, a revamp of management systems and the improvement of inmates' conditions.

Lord Caithness said: "Although we have had a 20 per cent increase in the number of prison officers since 1979, they were working an average of 16.5 hours' overtime a week.

"Under fresh start at Strangeways, overtime has been reduced to an average of nine hours a week on top of the officers' basic 39-hour week."

Other improvements at Strangeways include workshops opening longer, more time for inmates to exercise, bathe or use the canteen, a new programme of evening gym sessions and an extra 30 minutes of education a day for youth custody inmates.

Lord Caithness, said: "Fresh start has brought about a complete change of attitude. Officers are now looking creatively at their work in the prisons and therefore improving conditions for inmates".

He is to visit five private prisons in the United States during an 11-day trip starting next week. The move is certain to renew speculation that Britain is set to follow American methods in an attempt to ease chronic prison overcrowding.

The minister will also study electronic tagging, which traces an offender's whereabouts while allowing a degree of liberty.

● A prisoner more than halfway through an eight-year sentence has capitalized on his experience by publishing a guide book for prisoners about to be released.

Dave Hardwick, whose book, *Aftercare*, was published yesterday, said that although some resources were available for the successful rehabilitation of prisoners, they had never been readily accessible for those who needed them.

Hardwick, who is at Featherstone Prison, Wolverhampton, West Midlands, has assembled in a 95-page manual details of organizations which help prisoners when they are freed.

Driver in fatal crash charged

A woman has been charged with driving with excess alcohol after a couple were run over.

Mr Leonard Roberts, aged 51, and his wife, Margaret, aged 41, died after a car driven by Patricia Murray-Cook, aged 39, of Crown Wood, Bracknell, Berkshire, mounted a pavement near their Bracknell home last Friday.

Dog shoots duck hunter

A duck hunter was shot in the leg yesterday when his labrador dog trod on the trigger of a single-barrel shotgun.

Mr Michael Martin, aged 24, of Athlone, Co Westmeath, in the Irish Republic, was hunting duck on the second day of the season on the shore of Lough Ree in Co Roscommon.

Best tea sold on the M6

Britain's best motorway tea is served at Killington Lake service area on the M6 in Cumbria, the Tea Council and the Milk Marketing Board announced yesteday.

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Quebec summit hears rights plea

Ottawa — Mr Brian Mulroney, Canada's Prime Minister, made an appeal for human rights as he officially opened the summit of Francophone countries in Quebec City yesterday (John Best writes).

"Respect for human dignity, like the opportunity for social and economic well-being, is among the basic rights that every international order must uphold," he told the assembled leaders of 41 French-speaking or partially French-speaking nations. The reference reflected a Canadian Government decision to tread lightly on the human rights question at the conference. Amnesty International highlighted the issue with a report last week that three-quarters of the counties represented at the summit graded poorly on respect for human rights.

Mr Joe Clark, Canada's External Affairs Minister, said the Francophone movement was just "finding its legs" and could do without disruptive disputes over human rights.

Cooper TV story

Mr Roger Cooper, aged 51, a British businessman arrested last year in Tehran on charges of spying, spoke on Iranian television about his co-operation with British intelligence services in Iran, according to Tehran Radio monitored by the BBC yesterday (AFP reports).

The radio broadcast a recording of a television interview with Mr Cooper in which he said: "My co-operation with the British intelligence service after the Islamic revolution included preparing reports about Iran's political and economic situation for analysis purposes."

He added that his treatment by the Revolutionary Guards at the Evin Prison, north of Tehran, had been "excellent".

Vanunu in court

Jerusalem — Mr Mordechai Vanunu, the former nucleur technician charged with selling Israel's nucleur secrets to *The Sunday Times* last September, testified in the Jerusalem district court yesterday on how his concessions were extracted and on the manner in which he was brought to Israel (David Bernstein writes).

Mr Vanunu has claimed that he was abducted in Rome and spirited to Israel to stand trial — which, the defence is arguing, represents an illegal act that devalues any confessions extracted from him and throws into question the court's competence to try him. The closed hearing will resume after a three week recess to give its verdict on such issues.

More miners missing

Johannesburg — Up to 62 miners are now feared dead in Monday's disaster at the St Helena gold mine, after an announcement by the company, Gencor, yesterday that a 12-man crew on contract was believed to be on the fated lift at the time of the explosion (Nicholas Beeston writes).

Initially Gencor said that it had recovered the bodies of nine miners, sighted a tenth and had given up hope for the lives of 40 others. Yesterday's disclosure means that there were 52 men standing on the two-tier "cage" when an explosion in the number 10 shaft snapped the lift cable and sent them more than half a mile to their certain deaths.

Minister jailed

Sydney — A former New South Wales Prisons Minister was sentenced to 7½ years' imprisonment yesterday, for having conspired to release prisoners early in exchange for bribes (Stephen Taylor writes).

Rex Jackson, aged 59, was said by Mr Justice Roden in the State Supreme Court to have been ruined by an appetite for gambling.

Jackson, a Labor MP for more than 20 years, was found guilty last week of conspiring with a Sydney businessman to exercise his authority to free prisoners on licence in 1982 and 1983.

Embassy bugged

Madrid — The Spanish Embassy in Warsaw has been found to have been bugged by the Polish secret services for at least the past year, Madrid Foreign Ministry sources confirmed yesterday (Richard Wigg writes).

Twelve microphones hidden in the embassy's communications centre were discovered by security experts during a check on the embassies in communist countries in Eastern Europe. Señor Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, the Foreign Minister, has summoned the Polish Ambassador in Madrid to receive a protest.

Chairman criticized

Vienna — Dr Manfred Messerschmidt, a West German member of the international commission of military historians set up to examine documents concerning President Waldheim's wartime career, has criticized the Swiss chairman, Dr Hans Rudolf Kurz, for meeting Dr Waldheim last week (Richard Bassett writes). In defending the meeting, Dr Kurz described it as "straightforward and humane".

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Guatemala peace accord

Nicaragua extends terms of amnesty

From David Gollob, Managua

The Nicaraguan Government has announced that the amnesty provisions of the Central American peace agreement signed in Guatemala last month will be extended to include thousands of prisoners convicted of counter-revolutionary activities.

The agreement does not specify who would be entitled to amnesty, and the Government has previously suggested that only Contra rebels who laid down their arms would qualify.

However, in a gesture of appeasement to the Opposition, and particularly to the Archbishop of Managua, Cardinal Miguel Obando, who has demanded a "total amnesty", the Vice-President, Dr Sergio Ramirez, announced on Tuesday that the Government would abide by this broader interpretation.

"Prisoners will not be excluded," he said at a news conference after the first working session of the National Reconciliation Commission, an independent body that will monitor Government compliance with the peace accords.

The Government has never admitted the existence of political prisoners, although it has said that about 2,000 people have been convicted of "counter-revolutionary crimes". According to independent human rights groups, however, the number of political prisoners could be as high as 7,000. In addition, more than 2,000 former members of the former dictator Señor Anastasio Samoza's infamous National Guard have been in Nicaraguan jails since the revolution.

This is the second concession by the Government since the accords were signed. Last week, President Ortega lifted expulsion orders on three priests accused of siding with the Contras.

● **Aid pressure:** Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's spokesman on foreign affairs, who has been on a fact-finding tour of Mexico and Central America, said he would press the Government to increase aid to Nicaragua.

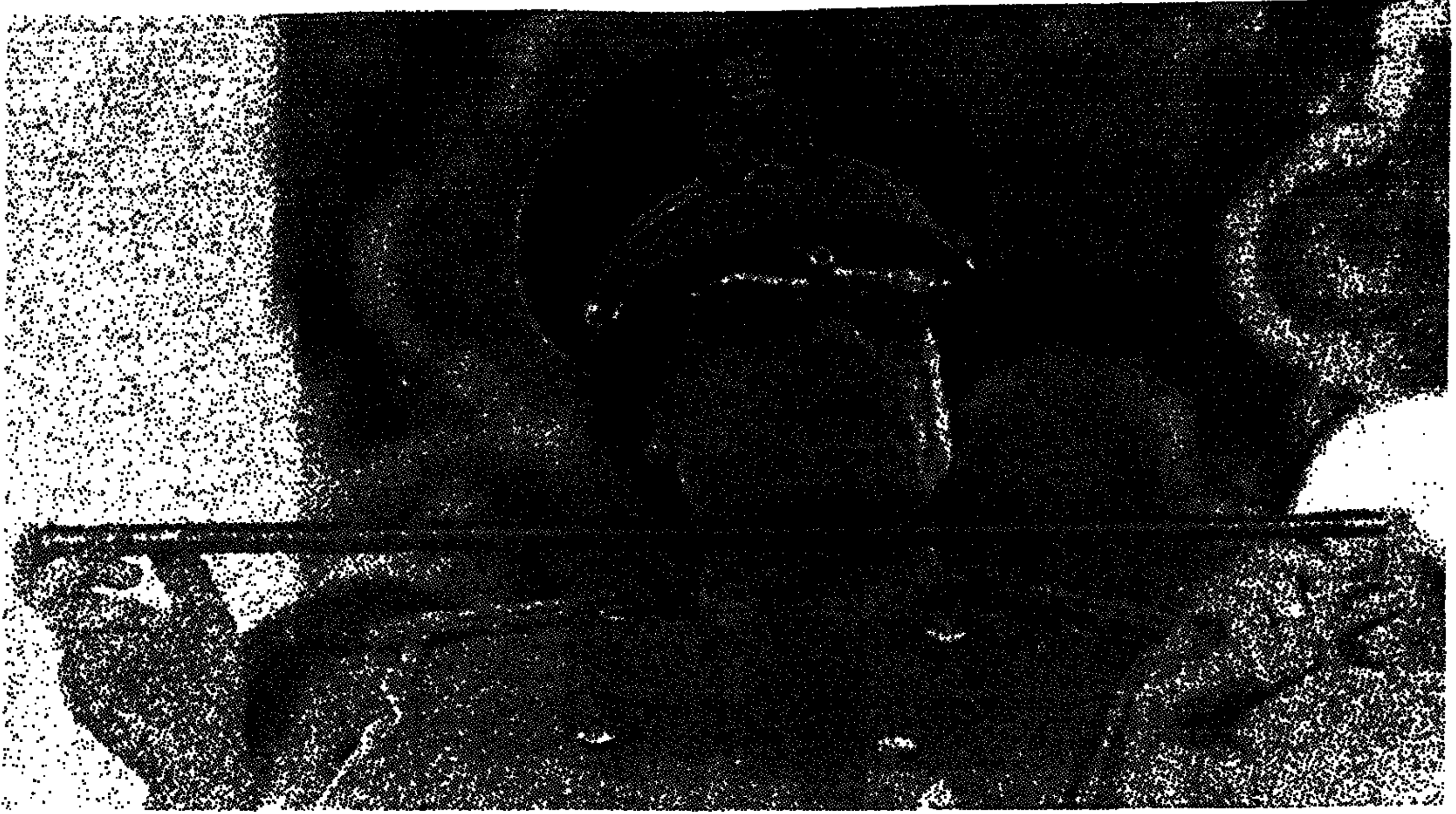
He also predicted that Nicaragua's declining prospects for assistance from the European Community could be reversed if the peace agreement came into effect by the November 7 deadline.

Interviewed in Managua earlier this week, prior to a scheduled meeting with President Arias of Costa Rica, the sponsor of the Guatemalan accord, Mr Kaufman said: "Among the issues which are most important to the Labour Party is Nicaragua and Central America."

After an interview with Dr Sergio Ramirez, the Nicaraguan Vice-President, Mr Kaufmann said he was convinced of the Government's determination to comply with the peace agreement. "They'd be mad not to. It's the best opportunity they've had to achieve international validation for their revolution."

He added: "My guess is that the Foreign Office, which is a very realistic organization, would like to assist in the achievement of this remarkable agreement. But Mrs Thatcher doesn't like the Foreign Office."

Gadaffi presses Arabs to develop nuclear bomb



Colonel Gadaffi reviewing Libyan troops in Tripoli to celebrate the eighteenth anniversary on Tuesday of the revolution that brought him to power.

The Libyan leader marked the anniversary with a speech on Tuesday night in which he urged Arabs to develop the nuclear bomb to counter the "Zionist threat". He said possession of the nuclear bomb was an act of legitimate self-defence in view of reports that Israel had developed its own nuclear bomb (AFP reports from Tripoli).

Colonel Gadaffi also said he was prepared to settle his conflict with Chad by fostering national reconciliation between the various Chadian factions with the aid of other African countries.

He further proposed that what he called American and French imperialist forces withdraw from Chad in exchange for a Libyan guarantee not to intervene militarily in Chad. He said Libyan troops had withdrawn from the Tibesti region of northern Chad up to Libya's international border.

In an overture to Arab nations, he reiterated calls for Arab unity whatever their regime, republican or monarchy, and said Algeria was still agreeable to a union with Libya in September next year.

Honecker's historic visit to West Germany

Bonn expects few tangible results

From John England
Bonn

Bonn was yesterday dusting off its red carpet and the guard of honour band was polishing its rendition of the East German national anthem as the countdown began for Herr Erich Honecker's historic five-day visit to West Germany.

The much-delayed visit, which was originally planned for 1984, begins on Monday. It will be the first time an East German party leader has set foot on West German soil since the two Germanies came into being in 1949. Official Bonn is palpably relieved that it is finally taking place.

Herr Wolfgang Schäuble, Herr Helmut Kohl's Chancellery Minister, remarked when he announced the visit in July that West Germans should not expect too much from the visit. He said the Bonn Government expected concrete results for inter-German relations to stem from it, but added that "hopes should not be set too high".

Nevertheless, Bonn is cautiously optimistic that the visit of Herr Honecker, who was born in the Saarland, now a West German state, will do a lot in human terms for Germans on both sides of the dividing border. The East German border guards' standing order to shoot at escapers, which has cost the lives of 182 people since 1961, has already been restricted ahead of the visit. This has probably led to a flurry of at least six escapes during the past 12 days.

Bonn also wants East Berlin to allow East Germans to emigrate to West Germany at will, and be even more generous than in the past two years in letting them visit West Germany on family grounds. The amount of pocket money East Germans can take with them, formerly DM 70 (about £23) and reduced recently to a laughable DM 15 (£5), should also be restored to its old level.

In return, the West Germans are prepared to give Herr Honecker what he wants: Western technological know-how and more money from Bonn for autobahn-building. But they draw the line at fulfilling his wish for Bonn's recognition of East German citizenship as a separate entity.

Herr Honecker will be accorded all the honours of a visiting head of state when he flies into Bonn on Monday, despite the official West German description of his sojourn here as a "working visit" as the guest of Chancellor Kohl.

The delicately balanced pomp and circumstance will include a red-carpet welcome at the Chancellery, and a guard of honour and a miltary band that will play both German anthems.

Herr Honecker will have two days of talks in Bonn, during which he will sign bilateral co-operation agreements on the environment and in the fields of scientific, technical and nuclear energy. He will then take to the road to visit the Ruhr, Saarland, Rhineland-Palatinate and Bavaria.

In Rhineland-Palatinate he will make a pilgrimage to the Karl Marx Museum in Trier, while in Saarland he will visit his birthplace in Wiebelskirchen, now part of Neunkirchen, for which he says he still suffer pangs of homesickness. His widowed sister, Frau Gertrud Hoppstädter, aged 72, still lives there.

Herr Honecker: Triumphant on his re-election as leader in April 1986.

Herr Honecker also has two nephews in the small town, one of whom, Herr Willi Honecker, aged 53, was released from jail 18 months ago after serving 16 years for murdering his wife with an axe as she lay in bed. But neither he nor the other nephew, Herr Hans-Jürgen Honecker, wishes to see their illustrious uncle.

However, the East German leader will be given a warm welcome by Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the arch-conservative Bavarian Prime Minister, who counts Herr Honecker as one his best political friends, when he flies to Munich for talks on the last day of his visit.

A call at the former concentration camp of Dachau, north of Munich, will strike a final sombre note for the one-time political prisoner of the Nazis before Herr Honecker returns to East Germany.

Earlier this year, Herr Kohl described East Germany as "one huge concentration camp". But the Chancellor was then campaigning for a federal election.

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Latest attacks bring 'missile alley' toll to more than 340

By Andrew McEwen

Iraq's claim yesterday to have carried out its eleventh attack on shipping since Saturday, together with Iran's spate of five attacks in 16 hours, took the number of ships hit during the seven-year war to more than 340.

The 550-mile waterway, sometimes called "missile alley", through which about one-sixth of the oil needed by the non-communist world passes, has seen about 80 attacks on shipping so far this year, and 107 last year.

Many of the victims of the so-called "tanker war" have been vessels of other types. Recent events:

May 17: US frigate Stark hit with Exocet missiles from Iraqi plane, killing 37.

June 20: Iraqi raid on Maltese shuttle tanker Tenacity at Kharg Island.

June 25: Iranian gunboat raids on two Kuwaiti-linked supertankers, the Norwegian-flag Mia Margrethe and the Liberian-flag Stena Concordia.

July 6: Iraq attacks Cypriot-flag shuttle tanker Nikos Kazantzakis unloading gas oil at Kharg Island.

July 13: Iranian gunboats attack French container ship Ville d'Anvers off Saudi coast in northern Gulf.

July 20: UN Security Council passes Resolution 598 calling for ceasefire.

July 24: Kuwaiti tanker, reflagged under American registry and renamed Bridgeton, hits mine while heading for Kuwait under American escort. Damaged but continues journey.

Aug 10: The US-operated supertanker Texaco Caribbean, loaded with Iranian oil, hits mine in Gulf of Oman.

Aug 10: After warnings that it will not observe ceasefire unilaterally, Iraq resumes air raids on Iranian oil installations with attacks on six land sites in north, central and southern Iran.

Aug 11: President Saddam Hussein of Iraq asserts a right to attack ships serving Iran.

Aug 15: United Arab Emirates supply boat Anita explodes and sinks after hitting mine off port of Fujairah outside the Gulf. Six people killed, including the British skipper, and five injured.

Aug 29: 45-day unofficial truce in "tanker war" ends with Iraqi attack on Iran's Rakhsh oilfield and a staging point at Sirri island, setting the 236,807-tonne Iranian tanker Alvand ablaze.

Paris — M André Giraud, the Minister of Defence, said yesterday that he had given orders for the three French minesweepers now in Djibouti to proceed to Khor Fakkan at the mouth of the Gulf and start minesweeping operations in the area (Susan MacDonald writes). Speaking on television, he said it would take about a week for the vessels to reach their destination and that France would be the first to start minesweeping operations in international waters.

In explaining the decision, the minister said that only concerted international pressure could bring about a halt to the Iran-Iraq conflict.

Domestic politics cloud Pershing

From Our Correspondent, Bonn

The Bonn Parliament yesterday went through the motions of a special summer-recess debate on West Germany's 72 Pershing IA missiles that had more to do with domestic politics than with nuclear disarmament.

The Social Democratic and Greens opposition parties had called the extraordinary sitting of the Bundestag before Chancellor Kohl made his surprise conditional offer last week to scrap the Pershings, which was exactly what they had been asking of him.

Herr Kohl took part in the debate but refused to make a policy statement on the missiles. His centre-right coalition parties also rejected a demand for a formal vote on two opposition resolutions which virtually echoed his week-old statement, although the Greens also called for a general rejection of nuclear weapons to be written into West Germany's Basic Law.

But for the Social Democratic Party parliamentary leader, Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the debate was an opportunity to tease Herr Kohl about his row with his coalition partner, Herr Franz Josef Strauss, over his offer. Herr Strauss is still angry that the Chancellor did not consult him before making his statement, and on Tuesday boycotted a meeting of coalition leaders in Bonn.

Herr Vogel said that Herr Kohl no longer had a majority on the Pershings issue within his coalition, and his refusal to make a policy statement was a snub to Parliament and a serious offence against political custom.

Herr Kohl repeated his statement of last week that his Pershings offer was made in a bid to help President Reagan achieve a superpower accord on medium and shorter-range missiles by the end of this year. He also renewed his appeal to the Soviet Union to match his initiative by dismantling almost 600 Scud missiles posing a special threat to West Germany.

Only one Christian Social Union MP, Herr Alfred Biehle, the chairman of the Bundestag's defence committee, took part in the debate.

Glasnost brings back Chagall

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Supporters of reform inside the Soviet Union claimed a notable triumph yesterday when an important exhibition of the works of Chagall opened in Moscow's Pushkin Museum and marked belated official recognition of his position as a Russian painter.

Because of the surrealism of much of Chagall's work, it suffered official disapproval during the Stalin era, which lingered on long after. Many of the paintings on show had spent decades banished to the storerooms of Russian museums, and other works had only been exhibited rarely.

Mr Andrei Voznesensky, the popular Soviet poet, told *The Times*: "It would have been impossible to have put on this exhibition before the arrival of Gorbachov and *glasnost*, and even today it has not been easy because of the opposition of the conservatives in our society."

Altogether, 90 paintings and 200 graphics are now on display in the three halls given over to the exhibition, which has been organized jointly by the Soviet Ministry of Culture and Chagall's family to mark the 100th anniversary of the Jewish artist's birth in Vitebsk, the town which infused his work with its magical quality of symbolic fantasy.

At an emotional press conference attended by the artist's widow Valentina, aged 82, who had flown from Paris and contributed some of the paintings, a plan was announced to open a museum in Vitebsk. Other works in the exhibition came from Soviet museums, Soviet and French private collections and one painting from the private collection of Dr Armand Hammer.

The exhibition is one of the most controversial to be staged in Moscow with official sanction and has already attracted passionate interest among the public.

"Everyone is waiting for this exhibition," said Mr Valery Volkov, a Soviet artist and an expert on Chagall. He added that officials in the Soviet art world had previously considered Chagall, who spent most of his life in France, to be a French artist — denying the roots of one of the towering figures of 20th century art.

Recent articles in the Soviet press have testified to continuing sensitivity over Chagall, who left the country in 1922 after an earlier four-year spell among the artistic community of Paris on the eve of the First World War. One newspaper accused officials in Vitebsk of dragging their feet over the museum plan.

Some senior Soviet cultural officials present at yesterday's opening appeared embarassed about the previous treatment meted out to Chagall's work. They pointed out defensively that another (much smaller) exhibition of his work had been staged in Moscow, when he returned briefly to the Soviet Union in 1973. Chagall died in his adoptive southern French home of St-Paul-de-Vence in March, 1985.

Some 500,000 Soviet art lovers are expected to queue to see the new exhibition before it closes on October 11. Those who slipped into yesterday's preview expressed the sort of excitement about the works on display that is rarely encountered in public galleries in the West.

Also present, at the invitation of Chagall's widow, was Mr John Russell, the distinguished art critic of *The New York Times*, who looked as enraptured as many of the Soviet visitors. "By any account, this is an exhibition of major importance," he said. "I would estimate that 80 per cent of the pictures from Chagall's early period have never been shown publicly before. They show a certain nostalgia and melancholy which was not expected."

Dictionary finds 'wellness potential' in English

From Charles Bremner, New York

Is the English language dying, bloated by the inflation of advertisers, politicians and other word-abusers of the video age? The old question is being put with some urgency in America these days. Two current best-sellers castigate the failures of the school system, commentators are lamenting the state of American culture and reports seem to be testifying almost daily to appalling ignorance among the country's youth.

"You don't have to make sense any more as long as what you are saying sounds good," Russell Baker, a columnist of *The New York Times*, pronounced recently in a typical attack on linguistic abuses.

The reduction of American television news to ever-shorter "sound-bites" — often lasting only five seconds — suggests that people are giving up listening at all and just watch, according to some critics. Many blame not only the mentality of the pop media and advertising, but also the slick hyperbole of President Reagan and his speech-writers.

But this week a powerful defence of 1980s English appeared in the form of the first new unabridged American dictionary to be published for more than two decades. The editors of the Random House Dictionary of the English Language have tracked the explosion of new words and idioms of the past 20 years and found the language to be thriving.

A read through some of their 210,000 new words or entries revised from the 1966 edition gives a fascinating glimpse of the vast changes wrought in American and, inevitably, global English by the electronic age.

"In 1966 no one had walked on the Moon, bought a sun blocker or running shoes. VCRs were unknown ... Heavy metal, punk rock music, post modernism, yuppies and soft contact lenses didn't exist," the editors say.

They have included a vast range of vocabulary and colloquial terms that might not make it to the pages of the 19-volume *Oxford English Dictionary*, but which help record the preoccupations of the late 20th Century.

Among these are: *wimp, networking, chocoholic, grungy, monoclonal antibody, catch-22* and *wysiwyg*. The last of these (what you see is what you get) is one of hundreds of computer-related terms that are increasingly invading daily life in the way that psychoanalytical jargon became current coinage in earlier decades.

Dozens of new business *buzz-words* are listed, reflecting the birth of global markets and the take-over boom. These include: *golden parachute, greenmail, money market zero-coupon.*

Food is another big growth area as cuisine has become international, and hitherto exotic items such as *crêpes, hummus, chapati, tofu, linguine* and *sushi* can be found at the local supermarket.

The editors, led by Mr Stuart Flexner, record for posterity vogue expressions of the age. "In the 1960s there were hippies, who did their own thing and let it all hang out; in the 1980s there have been yuppies, who pumped iron, met in fern bars and grazed on veggies," they note.

Though they define their work as descriptive rather than proscriptive, the editors have combed their earlier volume to remove all sexist references and avoid "man" and "he" when they can keep to a genderless definition. One entry gives this as an example of the use of the word master: She is a master at interpreting financial reports.

Mr Flexner and his colleagues conclude that the language is not deteriorating or on the verge of death. They blame individual users for the ugliness and obfuscation that is so remarkable in modern American.

Though America has no monopoly on linguistic corruption, its citizens seem to be inventing euphemisms and unnecessary variations faster than ever. Anyone who listens to an airline or train announcement will notice that the word "now" has been discarded as too humble. Instead, passengers are told "at this time" to fasten seatbelts. Doctors no longer talk about health, preferring to return their patients to "wellness".

A hospital recently announced the relapse of an important patient by saying he "did not fully achieve his wellness potential". He later experienced a "terminal episode", or "negative patient-care outcome", previously known as death.

Professor William Lutz, a Rutgers University professor and guardian of linguistic clarity, recently issued a list of horrendous public doublespeak.

Much of it, of course, came from the Pentagon, lately notorious for describing tents as "frame-supported tension structures".

According to Professor Lutz, official double-speak "avoids or shifts responsibility and conceals or prevents thought, and it is getting worse".

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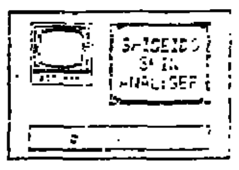

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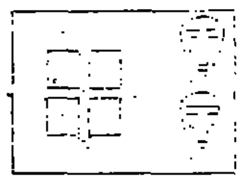

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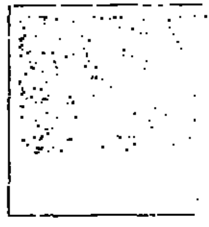

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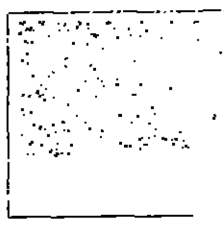

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Deng's move to ease the old guard out of office

By Cyril Zhiren Lin

Rumours of the impending retirement of Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader, have circulated so often over the past few years that observers have learnt to treat them with a healthy degree of scepticism. But the recent New China News Agency commentary on Mr Deng's retirement, the most authoritative statement so far, indicates that this time Mr Deng will really be stepping down.

As part of his attempt to rejuvenate the party and state leadership by replacing aged veterans with younger technocrats, Mr Deng, aged 83, had previously sought to retire and thereby set an example for others – Chinese political decorum requires subordinates to emulate the behaviour of the superior.

But other veteran leaders, such as President Li, aged 82, Mr Chen Yun, aged 82, Mr Bo Yibo, aged 85, and Mr Peng Zhen, aged 85, have been reluctant to go, and have "dissuaded" Mr Deng from doing so. Mr Deng therefore retained his seat in the Politburo, as did all the other senior leaders.

[illegible] which Mr Deng can now be expected [illegible] up at the 13th party congress scheduled to open on October [illegible] a move which [illegible] must then follow. [illegible] likely to retire from the chairmanship of the Central Advisory Commission but [illegible] retain that of [illegible] Central Military Commission.

Mr Deng will certainly continue to be the most powerful man in China after stepping down from [illegible] the real significance of these changes is not the retirement of Mr Deng, but the concomitant retirement of the other aged leaders, who are generally conservatives and are opposed to aspects of the market-oriented economic reforms and the party's "open door policy".

At 83 he is unlikely to survive another full five-year term in the Politburo, and he will want to settle the leadership succession issue while he is still alive and thus avoid a power struggle.

The resolution of the succession issue has been thrust upon Mr Deng by the actions of conservatives jockeying for position in anticipation of the forthcoming party congress. The congress promises to be one of the most crucial in China's post-1949 history, and certainly the most important since the death of Chairman Mao in 1976.

The new party leadership which will be elected at the congress will have to face difficult choices in ideologically contentious and technically complex economic and political reforms. These reforms will, in turn, condition the nature of Chinese policies for the rest of the century, and determine the prospects for realizing the country's ambitious economic modernization objectives.

Economic reforms so far have proved to be problematic, characterized by periodic overheating, inflationary pressures, budgetary and trade deficits and a slowdown in crop output growth. Proposals for the resolution of these difficulties have become increasingly radical.

The overwhelming majority of Chinese economists now advocate profound changes in the system of state ownership, and the introduction of a fully-fledged market system in which state intervention is limited to that practised in South Korea, Taiwan and Singapore.

Similarly, proposals for political reform are proving to be a Pandora's box. Academics and intellectuals have called for checks and balances to the monopoly of power by the Communist Party. These demands are anathema to the leadership, conservatives and reformers alike, whose conception of political reform is limited to the separation of party and state functions.

In these conflicts, which are essentially a power struggle between the old and the young, Mr Deng has served as the ultimate umpire, straying into the fray only when play is out of bounds. His own preference is for a balanced leadership which is bold and pragmatic in economic policies but conservative in ideological and political matters. His *modus operandi*, judging from past actions, is to give his opponents enough rope to hang themselves.

Excesses on both the left and the right, such as the Democracy Wall movement in 1978, the Spiritual Pollution Campaign in 1983, and the student demonstrations in 1986, were all abruptly halted.

The latest excess has been the conservatives' attempt to widen the scope of the campaign against bourgeois liberalism, following the forced resignation of the party's General Secretary, Mr Hu Yaobang, and to undermine reformist leaders such as Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister, by criticizing the economic reform programme. Mr Deng appears now to be stepping into the fray by stepping down.

Despite Mr Zhao's preference to stay on as Prime Minister, it is now clear that he has agreed to relinquish the post and take over formally as general secretary of the party in line with Mr Deng's wishes. But the choice of a new Prime Minister remains undecided, although the field of candidates has now narrowed to Mr Li Peng and Mr Wan Li, with the latter enjoying the better prospects.

There is still considerable debate going on as to whether the standing committee of the Politburo should maintain the present five-man membership or be expanded to seven.

Indications are that the congress will elect a five-man standing committee, comprising Mr Zhao, Mr Li, Mr Wan, Mr Yao Yilin and Mr Qiao Shi. In such a make-up, Mr Zhao the reformer, and Mr Li, the conservative, are counterbalanced by the other three moderates.

The congress will also be seeking to introduce important political and administrative reforms. One option under serious discussion is the abolition of the Politburo. Whether this would involve simply a change in name (similar to the short-lived renaming of the Soviet Politburo as the Praesidium after Stalin's death) or entail a more substantive reorganization of policy-making processes remains unclear. If the Politburo were to be abolished, then the Secretariat of the Central Committee might be enlarged to replace the standing committee.

Another and more likely reorganization would be the abolition of the present State Planning Commission and State Economic Commission, and their replacement by a smaller, comprehensive Economic Planning Agency. This would reduce inter-departmental rivalries and improve co-ordination, as well as weaken the opposition to aspects of economic reforms which the two commissions are known for. The new body would be headed by Mr Yao, the current chairman of the State Planning Commission, who in recent months has emerged as the most powerful man in economic matters.

These changes are still undecided and would remain so until the last minute. The political horse-trading is still going on. The purge of five reformist intellectuals a few weeks ago was the price paid to secure the aged conservatives' agreement to step down.

Yet, without these parallel changes, the retirement of the conservative Old Guard would not substantively alter the complexion of the Chinese leadership.

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Aquino palace guard 'put on red alert' before coup attempt

From Michael Hamlyn, Manila

President Aquino of the Philippines appeared live on prime-time television last night to give a dramatic account of her personal experiences during the coup attempt against her last Friday.

She made it clear that the coup [illegible] as a surprise to her intelligence organizations, but that her guards were on red alert at the time, and that armoured vehicles had been posted at key points in the city.

"Intelligence did not fail me on that occasion," she said, rebutting an often-made criticism of her military leaders. "We anticipated a coup attempt by these specific officers for some time now."

However, her presidential security group was depleted last Friday [illegible] by [illegible] her [illegible] Colonel Gregorio Honasan, the President [illegible] the commander [illegible]. He also advised her to prepare to move elsewhere if necessary. "I did not leave then," she said. [illegible] my place [illegible] happened [illegible].

Mrs Aquino also described the attack made on her son, Benigno [illegible] the palace [illegible] were [illegible] three of his bodyguards [illegible] back-up car [illegible]. Mrs Aquino said that when her son was rescued he kept from her the fact that he, too, had been wounded.

After the rebels had retreated to the armed forces' headquarters at Camp Aguinaldo in a Manila suburb Mrs Aquino said that she was in touch with General Fidel Ramos, the chief of the armed forces, and was joined by her two closest aides, Mr Joker Arroyo and Mr Teddy-boy Locsin.

"I told them there would be no negotiation with the rebel troops, no terms of any kind. I wanted the situation resolved, the mutiny crushed," she said.

Since communications were cut she sent Mr Locsin to Camp Crame, across the road from Camp Aguinaldo, where he was to find a working telephone to keep her in touch with General Ramos.

She was thereby in constant touch with the battle for the headquarters and constantly reiterated her determination not to treat with the mutineers, but to "resolve the problem as soon as possible".

"At five o'clock we later learned that the leader of the rebels with other key officers had fled in a helicopter."

The President said that, altogether, 50 officers and 1,300 enlisted men had taken part in the mutiny, and that 40 officers and 993 men had either surrendered or been captured.

She said that 12 loyal soldiers had been killed in action and 15 officers and 42 men and four police had been wounded. Nineteen rebels died and 39 were wounded. In addition, she said, 22 innocent and unarmed civilians died.

"I grieve for the dead [illegible] there would be violence [illegible] was necessary because I had to prevent a greater violence."

The President described how Colonel Honasan had deceived his troops into thinking they were taking part in a test to pass out of a training school, and that some men were told the presidential palace was under attack by communist guerrillas.

"It is not the way of true leaders to delude their followers," Mrs Aquino said. "By their lies they put to shame the noblest traditions of the armed forces."

Also yesterday, General Ramos said that Colonel Honasan might now have taken refuge in the streets of Manila.

Manila – The Philippines Government is to investigate the possible involvement of the Americans in the bloody coup attempt against President Aquino's administration, according to Mr Rafael Ileto, the Defence Minister (Michael Hamlyn writes).

The US Ambassador, Mr Nicholas Platt, yesterday issued a firm denial of US involvement. The US role during the attempt [illegible] Enrile, the former Defence Minister [illegible] coup attempt [illegible] and the fight against communism would be [illegible].

A woman sick with horror turning away from her fellow demonstrator who was seriously injured by an arms train as his stepson, below, watched.

US anti-war protester run over by arms train

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

An anti-war activist trying to halt arms shipments to the Nicaraguan Contras was critically injured on [illegible] when he was dragged under a military train as it pulled out of the Concord Naval Weapons Centre. His teenage stepson watched the accident in horror.

"They've killed my dad, they've murdered my dad," the boy, Gabriel Raven, screamed. The incident involving his stepfather, Mr Brian Willson, aged 45, was filmed by one of the demonstrators.

The dramatic film footage, screened on a San Francisco television station last night, showed Mr Willson sitting on the track along with others. He was about to begin what was to be a 40-day fast to protest against the arms shipment.

The train sounded its whistle as it left the base, heading towards the protesters. Mr Willson seemingly tried to [illegible] part of his head was smashed in the incident and he underwent an emergency operation lasting several hours. His right leg was severed, a hospital spokesman said.

At a press conference before the incident Mr Willson said the weapons would be used to kill people "like you and me". He said he considered the lives of Central Americans were no less important than his. "I have to say: you cannot move these weapons without moving my body," he remarked.

The protests, which have been going on during the summer at weapons stations throughout the country, involve organizations that oppose US involvement in Central America.

Saboteurs suspected in Chinese 'bombings'

From Robert Grieves
Lanzhou

Two recent incidents in China's western Gansu province – a train crash in a tunnel and a car explosion at an airport – may have been acts of sabotage, according to Chinese sources.

The incidents do not appear to be related to a bombing in Tiananmen Square, Peking, on July 17.

Early last month an explosion ripped through a car at Lanzhou's airport, killing the driver, according to reliable sources in Lanzhou and Peking. The incident occurred moments after the driver dropped off a local Communist Party cadre who had arrived at the terminal to meet his wife as she returned from Peking on a commercial flight. The cadre was not injured.

The unusual circumstances prompted speculation in Lanzhou that the explosion was caused by a bomb intended for the official, according to Chinese sources. Because the car was destroyed and the driver killed instantly, a formal investigation failed to turn up much information.

In the train derailment, an oil-tanker wagon left the tracks inside a tunnel about 10 miles east of Lanzhou on August 23, killing three people and starting a fire that raged for several days. Firefighters had to build a wall at one end of the tunnel as a first step in extinguishing the blaze.

Although officials in Lanzhou refused to speculate on the cause of the rail crash, residents of Lanzhou theorized that a bomb might have been involved. More than 17,000 passengers were stranded by the derailment, and soldiers sent to clear the line were not expected to finish before the end of this week.

Western analysts say that bombings and other acts of violence have been perpetrated throughout China since 1949 by people who oppose the communist regime. Such acts are rarely reported in the Chinese press.

Bombs may be easy to assemble since gunpowder from fireworks, and explosives from construction sites and army munitions facilities, are not difficult to obtain.

The *People's Daily* reported last week that Deng Qilin, aged 24, had been sentenced to death for the Tiananmen bombing, in which a device placed in a rubbish bin near the Mao Tse-tung mausoleum exploded just before dawn.

Western diplomats in Peking said yesterday that they were unaware of the Gansu incidents. No one has linked the Tiananmen Square bombing with recent bombings in Hong Kong that were supposedly instigated by a group opposed to the Chinese takeover of Hong Kong in 1997.

Thirteen crushed by train

Dhaka – Thirteen railway workers were crushed to death under a passenger train on a bridge 120 miles east of here, railway police said (Ahmed Fazl writes).

The workers [illegible] tracks [illegible] river [illegible] when an [illegible] ran over them.

Ghetto protest

Frankfurt (Reuter) – West German police evicted 30 protesters trying to stop a building project on the site of Frankfurt's medieval Jewish ghetto. The demonstrators want the site to be preserved as a monument.

Suharto call

Jakarta (AFP) – President Suharto of Indonesia told a Cabinet meeting on damage from wild animals to crops and villages that boars should be shot, but that elephants should be spared so that they did not become extinct.

107 buried

Peking (Reuter) – A landslide in central China has buried 107 people, killing at least 34, the New China News Agency reported. It buried a hotel, and private homes in Wuxi county, Sichuan Province.

Bomb blast

Beirut (Reuter) – A bomb hidden in a briefcase exploded in a street in Muslim west Beirut, injuring two people, police said.

Split decision

Tokyo (AFP) – A divorce case that has been dragging on for 38 years was closed when the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the husband, aged 75.

Seoul hits snag on detentions

From David Watts
Seoul

The South Korean Government and Opposition have agreed a political schedule, including presidential elections in December, but are still at odds over political prisoners.

But Mr Kim Young Sam, leader of the Reunification Democratic Party, said after his first formal meeting with Mr Roh Tae Woo, leader of the ruling Democratic Justice Party, that the issue would not be a barrier to progress.

Mr Kim said that those who had struggled for democracy should not be left behind and proposed that a special committee look into the question.

Mr Roh seemingly at first agreed to the idea but then said he would have to discuss it with party colleagues. He declined the offer of a joint declaration against radical left-wingers, saying the problem would be resolved when full democracy was restored, noting that leftism in South Korea is not related to communism but a response to 26 years of authoritarian rule.

Direct elections for a new president will be held before December 20. A special session of the National Assembly to consider the new draft constitution will open on September 10 and is expected to approve it in early October ready for a national referendum later the same month.

On their first day back at university yesterday thousands of students demonstrated, while nearly 15,000 workers at the Hyundai Heavy Industries shipyard at Ulsan went back on strike over the failure of union and management to agree on new salaries.

Soldier in jail for 24 years

By Caroline Moorehead

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE
Paraguay

Napoleon Ortigoza is thought to be the longest-serving political prisoner in Latin America. He has been held in solitary confinement in a Paraguayan jail for most of the past 24 years and has repeatedly tried to commit suicide.

Señor Ortigoza, aged 55, was a cavalry captain in the Paraguayan Army when, in the early 1960s, he became involved in politics. Without leaving the Army, he declared himself a political opponent of General Alfredo Stroessner, who took control of the country in a coup in 1954.

In December 1962, Captain Ortigoza was suddenly arrested and accused, together with a group of other people, of involvement in a conspiracy against President Stroessner. At the same time, he was charged with the murder of a military cadet, who, the police alleged, had been carrying a conspiratorial message from Captain Ortigoza to another cavalry officer.

Captain Ortigoza spent six months in prison before being tried. At the court hearing, widely recognized by international human rights observers as flawed by serious legal irregularities, he was convicted on both conspiracy and murder charges.

He and his driver, Sergeant Guillermo Ovando, were sentenced to death by firing squad. The sentences were later committed to 15 years in prison for Sergeant Ovando and 25 years for Captain Ortigoza.

In March 1984, after more than 21 years in prison, Sergeant Ovando was released.

According to Article 66 of the new Paraguayan Military Penal Code of Justice, a prisoner who has originally been sentenced to death, and then has his sentence commuted, becomes eligible for release after serving three quarters of his sentence.

Captain Ortigoza has already served his full sentence.

Australia urges navy deal on New Zealand

From Richard Long, Wellington

Mr Kim Beazley, the Australian Defence Minister, is to visit New Zealand next week to try to obtain a commitment from Wellington on the joint procurement of new surface warships for their two navies.

The visit, the first since the Australian and New Zealand elections confirmed the two Labour governments in power, is seen in both countries as a move to commit New Zealand to the dozen ships to be built in Australian shipyards for the two navies.

Australia is to take eight of them and New Zealand has tentatively agreed to buy four. The new ships, described as "surface combatants" rather than as frigates, will cost an estimated NZ$250 million to NZ$350 million (about £90 million to £125 million), depending on the armaments and technology acquired.

Mr Beazley's visit is seen as the first test of the resolution of the Government of Mr David Lange to spend large sums to maintain New Zealand's defence structure after the recent Anzus rift.

The Australians want to see the new ship purchase programme in place and to have an assurance that New Zealand is with them, one New Zealand defence expert said.

Stamp error that let CIA workers make a killing

Washington (NYT) – Call it the inverted candlestick caper. As embarrassments go, it doesn't exactly rank with the Bay of Pigs. But neither is it the kind of publicity that the Central Intelligence Agency goes looking for.

According to government investigators, the CIA last year unwittingly bought scores of misprinted postage stamps, with an upside-down image of a vintage candleholder.

Several agency employees had the analytical skills to notice the error and the financial savvy to recognize the value of such a rarity. And, the investigators say, the CIA workers made a secret deal among themselves, sold the stamps for thousands of dollars and split the profits.

It is unclear whether the sale was illegal or even improper, but it is certain that stamp collectors are beside themselves. "This is the most exciting stamp story of the year, and the CIA angle adds a lot of pizzazz," said Mr Donald Sundman, a stamp dealer of Camden, New York, who helped to expose the CIA's involvement. "I was sort of wondering whether the money had gone to the Contras or something."

Characteristically mum, the agency refused to say if the incident had prompted an internal investigation or any sort of punishment. "We don't discuss internal matters," Miss Sharon Foster, a CIA spokeswoman, said. "I can't comment on the specific issues, but I will point out that the agency has a high standard of conduct for its employees."

It is also unclear exactly how much money was divided among the CIA workers, who sold the stamps in April, 1986.

But, according to *Linn's Stamp News*, a journal for stamp collectors that first reported the story, one of the stamps sold by the CIA employees was later purchased for more than $17,000 (£10,370). Another fetched $5,000, it said.

According to the Government, one sheet of 400 inverted $1 stamps was printed in November 1985, along with more than 28 million normal versions of the candlestick stamp.

The CIA employees' involvement was uncovered by the bureau which assigned investigators to follow the trail of the 400 stamps. The investigators determined that 95 of them were bought by the CIA from a post office in McLean, Virginia, in March, 1986. Of those, nine were used on CIA mail before several employees noticed the printing mistake and decided to make some money on them.

The stamps were first bought by Mr Jacques Schiff Jr, a dealer in Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, who specializes in the sale of rare, misprinted stamps. Mr Schiff said he was visited in April, 1986 by a man and a woman from Washington.

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"They said they worked in an office, where they found the stamps," he said. "They claimed that they didn't want their names used in any way because their boss might find out." He said he understood there were nine CIA employees involved in the scheme and said that, in buying the stamps, he was asked to make out nine separate checks.

Mr Schiff would not say how much he had paid for the 86 stamps. But he said their discovery was a landmark in stamp collecting history. "They are great rarities," he said. "In the history of United States stamps, I believe we've only had 10 or 11 inverts." The most famous is a 1918 24 cent airmail stamp, known as the Inverted Jenny, because of its upside-down image of a Curtiss JN4H biplane. One was auctioned in 1982 for nearly $200,000.

Mr Schiff said he had no idea that the pair worked for the CIA. "I was shocked when I found out," he said.

The names of the CIA employees were deleted from the report, a copy of which was obtained by Mr Sundman under the Freedom of Information Act. Mr Sundman had become curious about the history of the inverted stamps.

Mr Ira Polikoff, a spokesman for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, insisted that he knew nothing about the fate of the CIA workers.

He said the printing bureau, which prints stamps used by the United States Postal Service, routinely investigates whenever there are errors in its work. "We try to find out the reason for the problem, so we can avoid it in the future," he said.

Miss Foster of the CIA would answer none of the substantive questions about the case. She would not identify what had become of the money received from the stamp sale, nor would she say if the stamps were considered government property and could be confiscated.

She did, however, answer a less important but still perplexing question: Why does the CIA buy small quantities of stamps?

"We do mailings, and each office has their own purchases of stamps," she said. "That's not unusual."

What about postage meters? "Meters make sense only for a central mailroom, and this was a small office in headquarters."

And what do they do in that small office? "I can't say."

SPECTRUM

Keeping faith with father

THE TIMES PROFILE

ERICH HONECKER

Among those eagerly anticipating next week's twice-postponed visit to West Germany by Erich Honecker, the East German Communist leader, is a young rock star in Munich by the name of Udo Lindenberg. Unlikely as it may seem, Lindenberg and the austere, bespectacled Honecker are pen friends, and have even exchanged gifts.

The pop singer is best known for a song called "Special Train to Pankow", in which he addresses Honecker, asking why he is not allowed to perform in East Berlin. This summer the plea gained added poignancy following the demonstrations by young East Germans listening to pop concerts over the Wall in West Berlin.

When Lindenberg sent Honecker his leather jacket as a follow-up to his plea, the East German leader could have remained stonily silent, or ordered a further denunciation of Western pop. Instead, he sent two officials to West Germany with a clarinet for Udo and — no less astonishing — a personal letter. "The jacket fits!" the letter ran. "I see it as a symbol of what rock music stands for — the fight against war, unemployment, racism and other ills."

Clearly a public relations move, but also perhaps a glimpse of the man at first thought of only as a grey apparatchik when he succeeded the no less hard-faced Walter Ulbricht in 1971. In the Seventies, a growing number of senior West German visitors to the GDR found that Honecker, the stern party man, wore a straw hat in his leisure hours, had a sense of humour, and (though he will not talk about this) had an affair with — and a daughter by — a woman 15 years his junior (she is now his second wife — and the GDR's Minister of Education). Could this be the same ideological hardliner who built the Wall and as Ulbricht's deputy sent East German troops to help put down the Prague Spring?

Honecker is an old man and wants to be remembered, one West German political observer says, "not only as the man who built the Wall but also as the man who gave his people a reasonable standard of living and some private leeway, and who put the German Democratic Republic firmly on the path of international respectability and recognition — including recognition by its rich and powerful capitalist German neighbour".

Next week's visit has been harshly opposed by some members of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's ruling Christian Democrats, who see no reason why they should help Honecker achieve his political aims. The GDR, after all, oppresses 17 million fellow Germans, and Honecker was one of its post-war founders. The visit to Bonn, coming six years after it was first mooted, will be used by East Berlin to crown Honecker's campaign to have the GDR acknowledged by West Germany as a legitimate separate state, even though German re-unification remains enshrined in West Germany's constitution.

The key to the Honecker enigma is that he remains what he has always been: a convinced Communist whose faith was not shaken by 10 years in a Nazi prison, or subsequently by the brutalities and evasions of Soviet policy, let alone by the successes of West German capitalism.

The highlight of the visit will be a journey to a part of Germany Honecker has not seen since he fled the Nazis in the Thirties: the Saarland, where the future East German leader was born and brought up and where his 67-year-old sister — also a life-long Communist — still lives.

When he visits Neunkirchen, where he was born, and the family graves at nearby Wiebelskirchen, Honecker will be paying his last respects to the source of that faith: his father, William Honecker, a militant left-wing miner who had been radicalized as a sailor in the First World War and who taught Erich (the third of six children) to hate the Saarland's mine-owners.

At the age of eight, Erich was already delivering Communist newspapers with his parents. As a young man he trained as a roof-mender, but his real energies went into the Communist youth movement. When the Nazis took power, the 21-year-old Honecker went underground, joining the resistance cells at Essen, in the Ruhr Valley, and finally in Berlin itself.

In December 1935, only a few months after his arrival, the Gestapo tracked him down. After a year and a half awaiting trial, Honecker was sentenced by the People's Court (the chilling terminology, *ironically, is now* used by Communist East Germany) to 10 years in Brandenburg Prison "for preparation of high treason". The most terrible thing about his time in a Nazi jail, he subsequently said, was to see close friends being taken off to die without knowing whether you would be next.

There seems to have been an unsuccessful attempt to escape in the last months of the war (not admitted, curiously, in the official biographies), but Honecker was still at Brandenburg when the Russians arrived in 1945.

With never a doubt that the future lay with the Communist German state, he was instrumental in bringing about the enforced "merger" of the Communists and Social Democrats (the SED) in Soviet-controlled Germany. From then on he rose steadily in the Party hierarchy, entering the Politburo as a full member in 1958 and — as Ulbricht's right hand man on state security — supervising the building of the infamous Wall three years later. None the less, as Moscow's choice to succeed Ulbricht (removed by Moscow's unseen hand), Honecker was seen as a younger, more flexible Communist politician in tune with detente.

He seized the opportunity presented by Willy Brandt's *Ostpolitik*, signing the first agreement between the two German states in 1972, only a year after becoming First Secretary. Since then Honecker has kept his people behind the Wall, forbidding almost all but the elderly to travel to the West, a cause of great resentment in the GDR, and source of the joke that East Germany is the only country where people look forward to growing old.

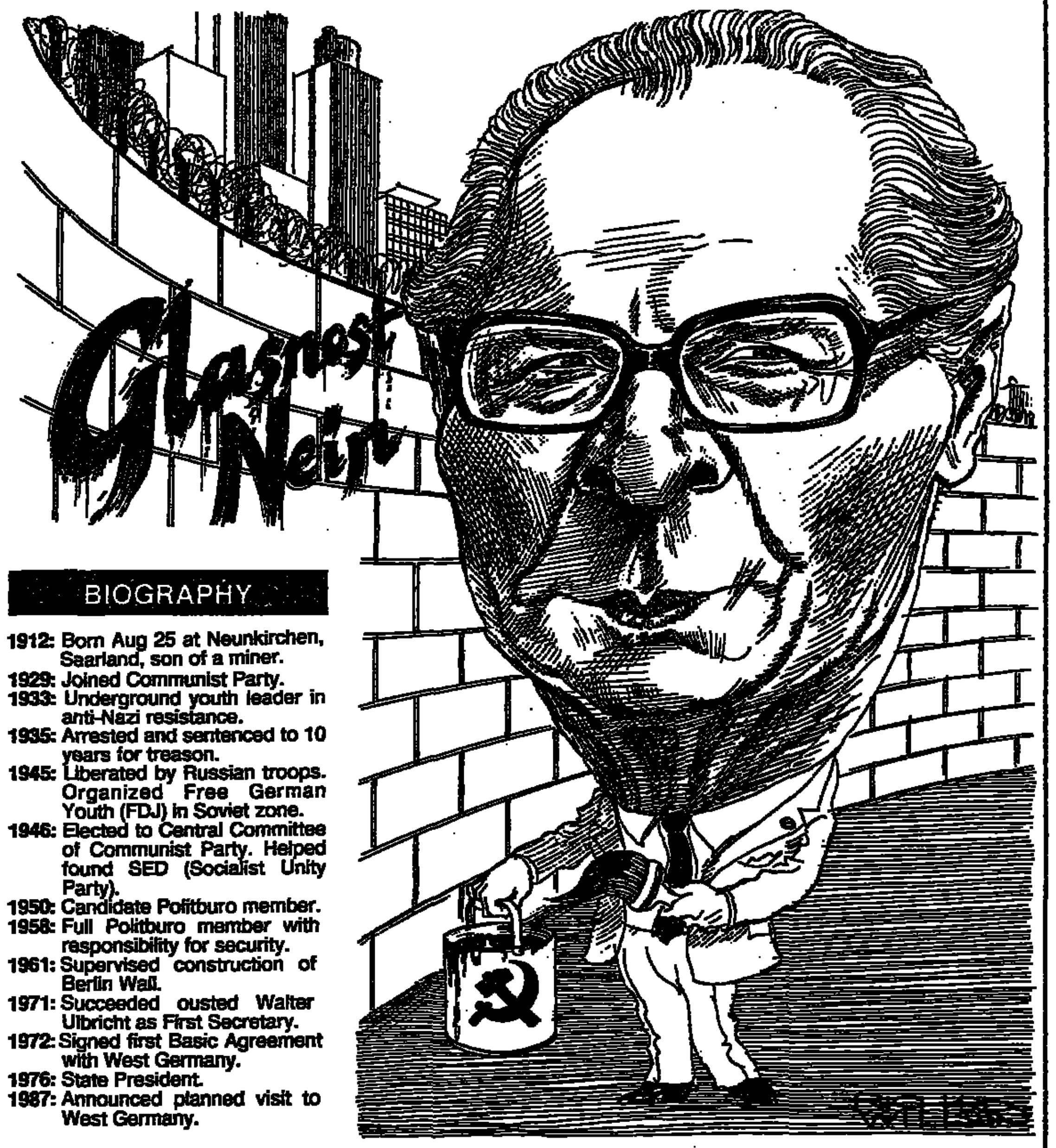
Honecker has made concessions to enterprise and privacy (private villas are springing up like mushrooms, and private businesses are permitted with a maximum of 10 employees), allowed some leeway in the arts, and above all built the GDR into a major industrial power, justifying the East European adage that the Russians cannot make Communism work but the Prussians can.

Yet most of East Germany is shabby, backward and poor, reminding visitors from West Germany of pre-war landscapes. Shortages are as endemic as in Russia itself. Writers are still persecuted, and the GDR resorts to the squalid tactic of "selling" political prisoners to West Germany in exchange for much needed hard currency. East Germans, meanwhile, are able to see an alternative way of life every day on West German television.

At the age of 75, Honecker is most reluctant to follow up the kind of reforms Gorbachov is introducing in Russia. But he is under pressure to change society, and young East Germans encouraged by Moscow's *glasnost* want the Wall to tumble and the *GDR Honecker* has built to be liberalized.

No doubt he will be fêted by those in the West who want to think that underneath their stony exteriors the rulers of the "brothers and sisters on the other side" are Germans first and Communists second. The young East Berliners who chanted "Gorbachov!" and "The Wall must come down!" during the recent rock concert riots but were beaten up by Honecker's "People's Police" would take a rather different view.

Richard Owen



BIOGRAPHY

1912: Born Aug 25 at Neunkirchen, Saarland, son of a miner.
1929: Joined Communist Party.
1933: Underground youth leader in anti-Nazi resistance.
1935: Arrested and sentenced to 10 years for treason.
1945: Liberated by Russian troops. Organized Free German Youth (FDJ) in Soviet zone.
1946: Elected to Central Committee of Communist Party. Helped found SED (Socialist Unity Party).
1950: Candidate Politburo member.
1958: Full Politburo member with responsibility for security.
1961: Supervised construction of Berlin Wall.
1971: Succeeded ousted Walter Ulbricht as First Secretary.
1972: Signed first Basic Agreement with West Germany.
1976: State President.
1987: Announced planned visit to West Germany.

FINDINGS

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ARCHAEOLOGY

Dated by the boots

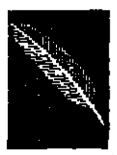
The style of boots worn by a well-preserved body found in excavations at Worcester Cathedral has enabled archaeologists to date it closely, to the 1490s. June Swann, of the Northampton Museum, where there is a collection dealing with the local cobbling industry, established the date of the knee-length, size 5½ boots, which had been slit open to fit them on to the corpse. The man seems to have been a pilgrim: he had a wooden staff, stained red, with a scallop shell attached by a cord. *Norman Hammond*

PUBLIC OPINION

Wearing the trousers

When it comes to household chores, men are still sticking to tasks such as painting and mending, leaving women to wash and iron. A survey by *RBL* showed that 55 per cent of men are washing up, or say they are, compared with 49 per cent two years ago, but 56 per cent leave cooking to women. Even fewer (39 per cent) go shopping for food or use a vacuum cleaner.
Robert Worcester

ZOOLOGY



Sweet tweets

Some birds, it seems, have a sweeter tooth than others. A recent study in Costa Rica showed that tanagers could detect a 2 per cent variation in their diet's sugar content; manakins, however, could distinguish no difference. The reason is the way they feed: tanagers crush fruit on to their tongues; manakins swallow fruits whole, thus protecting tropical trees by dispersing large, unpalatable seeds. *Andrew Loudon*

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Colin Cuthbert

"It is like having been given half a Stradivarius": builder Christopher Terry at the gates of High Head Castle in Cumbria

High Head revisited

Christopher Terry's dream of restoring a ruined castle in Cumbria will today either crumble or turn in to reality

The fate of one of the most romantic ruins in England, which has lain gutted for 30 years, will be decided today. The national grant committee of English Heritage meet to consider whether to support a project to bring High Head Castle, Cumbria, to life again.

Last November, demolition contractors were already raising their scaffolding on its walls when a bargain was struck to secure its reprieve. Earlier that day, the planning authority had reluctantly given the owner permission to demolish it, after a lintel had crashed down close to the annexe in which the owner was living. But a phone call went from the council to Christopher Terry, owner of a local building company, who was renovating another ruined mansion in Cumbria. Terry raced to the house, promised to stabilize it within 24 hours, — and bought High Head.

Fully weatherproof stately homes struggle today to make ends meet. Seeking to rescue a *burned-out shell* may seem perverse. Most of High Head's fine 1740s interior was gutted by fire in 1956, and since then moveable fittings, ironwork and sculpture have been progressively pillaged.

But a glance at the place today makes it clear why it is special. It is an unforgettable sight, half buried in its garden run wild, with willowherb and thistles springing up where the carved double staircase used to stand, and a cascade of ivy obscuring the whole of one corner. Grass grows over the pediment, where a haughty stone triton and mermaid coil their tails on either side of the Brougham coat-of-arms. A broken lavatory bowl lies upturned on the doorstep.

But the facade of the house gazes imperturbably out with an 18th-century decorum startlingly at odds with its violent colour. Its ashlar stonework, Italian work of the highest quality, is deep red, in dazzling contrast to the undergrowth. It is built from the local Lazonby sandstone, and stands on a crag of the same stone.

It is the site which makes the house dramatic. On two sides, only yards from its walls, cliffs fall sheer 100 feet to an echoing torrent. Said to be one of the best trout streams in England, it slides across water-smoothed strata and tumbles between the mossy overhangs of a gorge which seems about to meet overhead. The sunlight can scarcely find its way to it past trees choked with ivy, and banks of garlic, bracken and wild raspberries.

There is a Coleridgean contrast between the mansion, so urbane and *sunny*, and the "deep romantic chasm" above which it is perched.

The house has the romance of decay. But the ivy roots and the ice of a few more winters will lever the tight-knit masonry apart and send more sections of cornice and balustrade crashing into the gorge.

"It certainly deserves to be saved if at all possible," says Dr Peter Leach, inspector of historic buildings for English Heritage. "It was the best house of its date in Cumbria, and what remains is of a very ambitious and sophisticated design, executed to a very high standard indeed."

Restoration would involve nothing less than the construction of a steel skeleton inside the walls, supporting a new roof and interior. To make it stable and waterproof alone would cost £1 million. English Heritage is able to provide grants covering about 40 per cent of essential costs in worthwhile cases, but it is naturally wary of lashing public money around except where there is an assurance *that a project is viable*.

Members of the organization acknowledge that Christopher Terry has "a good track record". He has sold his London house to raise money for the project, and has created a small training ground for building skills at Brougham Hall, another Cumbrian ruin. But the commitment is a huge one for a private owner. Its best hope is as a hotel. With the trout swimming just a stone's fall away, with the Lake District and the Pennines in plain sight, and with motorway, station and airport nearby, it could hardly be better placed.

It is not easy today to imagine hotel guests strolling through bedrooms which are now empty air. "It is like having been given half a Stradivarius," says Terry, picking his way in gumboots past fallen masonry in the stream and looking up at the house astride its rock like a pink Acropolis. "Do you throw it away, or do you try to get it working again? I know what my answer is. When this house is saved people will be amazed that anyone could ever have thought of letting it go."

George Hill

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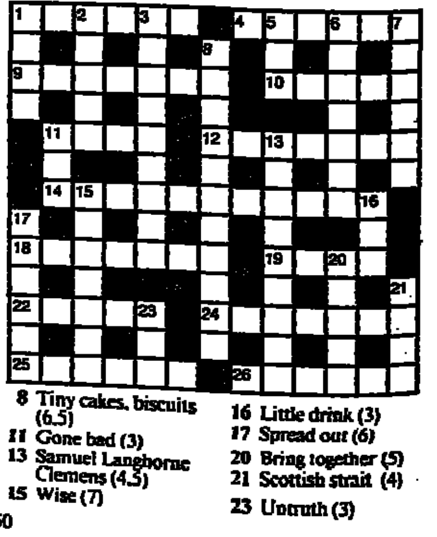

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HEALTH

That old animal magic

Just as a dog may be turned into a killing machine, so it may be used to bring joy to children, to the sick and the mentally ill. Liz Gill shows how pets keep us human

Nick Rogers

Young visitors: Ethel Smith, aged 80, with (from left) Katy Beer, James and Simon Clark, Naomi Smith — and the English setters Fanta and Lady

Once we all lived alongside animals, the lord with his hounds as much as the peasant with his pigs. It is well-known that the Egyptians revered cats, less commonly appreciated that the Phoenicians travelled with their cats and dogs, that the Romans domesticated polecats, and that our own ancestors tamed crows, jackdaws and magpies.

For most people, the industrial revolution broke this continuum and confined such kinship to pet-keeping. At one point it seemed even this was under siege: animals were unhygienic, ran the accusation; their owners inadequate and unable to form human relationships. Recently the newspapers have been full, too, of stories concerning the darker side of man's relationship with animals, of pit bull terriers bred to kill.

But, for all that, there is a growing conviction that animals are a positive health benefit. Dr Roger Mugford, a psychologist, says: "A lot of health professionals will tell you that animals act as therapists, keeping society happy and sane in a quiet, unspoken way. They enable you to cope better with personal crises.

Mugford, an expert in animal behaviour, has just returned from a meeting, in Montreal, of the World Veterinary Association, which addressed this topic. "It was argued that it is unnatural *not* to keep pets," he says. "Although man's surroundings have changed dramatically in the past couple of hundred years, the basic human has not changed for 40,000 years. Pet-keeping is an attempt to rediscover our origins."

He cites a study which showed that university students who kept animals had a greater circle of friends and were more gregarious. About 10 years ago he himself conducted an experiment in which he gave one group of elderly people budgerigars and another group houseplants. Those with the birds made more friends, lived longer and kept up competence in their use of English at an age when it might normally be expected to decline.

Various research projects are now underway in the United States to try to establish the physiological effects of being close to animals. The upsurge was prompted by the discovery that stroking an animal slowed the heart rate and lowered the blood pressure.

Lesley Scott-Ordish runs the Pat Dog scheme for the Pro-Dogs charity. The scheme was launched four years ago, "to howls of derision from some quarters". Now volunteers take nearly 3,000 dogs to visit the elderly, children and mental patients in homes and hospitals around the country. "You only have to see the joy they get," Scott-Ordish says. "People who are so withdrawn they can hardly speak to anyone will respond to an animal."

Zoologist Dr James Serpell, director of Cambridge University's Companion Animal Research Group, recently completed an 18-month study on how pet ownership affected child development between the ages of eight and 12. He found that the pet-owning children had a far greater understanding of and concern for the animal world in general.

‘Animals act as therapists, keeping society sane’

One of his tests listed things, including three animals — a dog, a cat and a gerbil — in a burning house. The fireman could save three, the choice was the child's. The pet owners all scored at least two animals (there were a few gerbil fatalities); the non-pet owners plumped for the colour television.

There was no temperamental difference between the groups, but there was a difference in the way in which the child's moods affected the rest of the family. "The mothers were aware of negative moods, but not bothered by them," Serpell says. "It may be that the pet acted as a buffer, or it may be that mothers who allowed pets were more easy-going and tolerant."

But he stresses that to acquire a pet solely for one's own well-being would be an act of supreme selfishness. The pet is entitled to a decent life and the creature must be suited to its environment.

And what of the environment itself? What of the charge that animals breed disease? "The dangers have been greatly exaggerated," Mugford says. "Of course, no one likes dog dirt on the streets, and I'm all for scoop laws, but generally it is not harmful. With toxocariasis (caused by roundworm), for instance, the dirt has to lie in a dry state for three weeks for the eggs to be a danger."

Toxocariasis, which in extreme cases can cause blindness in children, is, along with rabies, one of the most notorious diseases that can be transmitted from animal to man. Toxoplasmosis, an enteritic condition caught from cats, is another — its effects are worst in pregnant women, when it can damage the foetus — as is psittacosis, a type of pneumonia contracted from parrots. Between 1982 and 1986 there were around 30 cases of toxocariasis in the UK, 900 of toxoplasmosis and 400 of psittacosis.

"I don't want to sound cold," a micro-biologist comments, "because it may be terrible for the individual, but their significance, set against the whole range of illness, is small. You can probably catch more from your children."

Prof Leslie Vaughan, head of surgery at the Royal Veterinary College, says: "A lot of medical people are afraid of animals. Of course, one must observe basic hygiene but if it were so hazardous how on earth would vets survive?"

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MEDICAL BRIEFING

Drink risks

Cautious medical experts recommend that it is unwise to drink more than 30 units of alcohol a week (one unit being half a pint of beer, a tot of spirits or a glass of wine), but Lee Marvin was not a man, until recently, to listen to doctors or to be content with a couple of drinks after work.

It is reported that he regularly drank his entire weekly allowance before lunch, but despite 40 years of hard drinking it is impossible to link Marvin's final heart attack with his alcohol consumption. Alcohol may have contributed to his gravelly voice, as disease of the larynx is associated with drinking as well as smoking; his "time-expired" face, for premature ageing is another sign of a heavy consumption; or even his bowel troubles, for diverticulitis and other diseases of the colon are common in heavy drinkers.

But numerous studies have failed to prove any link between alcohol and coronary arterial disease. Alcohol intake has a close link with hypertension and smokers, but a team from the Royal Free Hospital, London, having studied for six years 7,735 men between the ages of 40 and 59, randomly selected from 24 towns, have had to conclude that there is no evidence that alcohol consumption influenced the number of heart attacks suffered by members of the group.

The figures did suggest that light drinkers (those who drink fewer than two units a day) had a lower rate of heart disease than the teetotallers and other drinkers, but the report concluded that this was a misleading statistic, for the light drinkers were also less likely to smoke, be overweight or have a high blood pressure.

Lee Marvin's recent excessive tiredness, a frequent symptom of impending heart trouble, may in retrospect have been as much due to his coronary heart disease as his bowel disease.

Once bitten

Experts have poured scorn on the anxiety felt by the police and prison wardens lest they are bitten by an HIV positive patient (an Aids carrier), but a case recorded in *The Lancet* suggests that their fear may not be entirely misplaced.

The journal reports that in 1985 a 26-year-old health care worker had a fight with her sister, an intravenous drug addict who was known to be HIV positive. In the course of their fisticuffs the addict had a tooth knocked out, her gums bled and the health worker was bitten in the leg.

Before the fight the health worker was HIV sero-negative. When tested again this January she was sero-positive despite not having been exposed to any of the known risks such as injecting drugs, having sexual relations with bisexuals or people in high-risk countries, nor had she pricked her finger while working with patients.

The two long-term lovers she had had since 1982 were both tested and found to be HIV sero-negative; one other man with whom she had had a one night stand could not be traced, but her doctors considered that the timing and the circumstances made him an unlikely source and concluded that the health worker was in all probability infected by her sister's bite.

Sugar counts

Diabetic patients, and their families, are quick to spot the early signs of hypoglycaemia — too little blood sugar. They notice first the sweating, tremor and clumsiness; later the diabetic becomes querulous and generally difficult and develops slurred speech. Fortunately there is usually enough time for the patient to take the sugar he or she carries and therefore avert disaster. A recent warning to diabetic patients explains that if they have had their prescription changed to human rather than animal insulin (the patient will have to be told about this), the normal pattern of hypoglycaemia attacks may alter; with human insulin the first symptoms to be noticed tend to be those associated with mood and behaviour rather than the sweating and tremor, which become relatively less obvious.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The telephone number for Travellers' Tales (& Briefly, yesterday) is 0304 812531.

When lovers become strangers

A sudden change in someone else's personality may be bewildering — but it could also be a serious warning

Dr Jennifer Colman-Archer was recently struck off the medical register for three offences at a hospital in Norwich. She was convicted of "violent, abusive and indecent" behaviour and fined £250. But her sentence was reduced after it came to light that she had been suffering from brain damage resulting from a concussion 15 years previously.

Personality changes are a key warning sign of physical illness; a quarter of all brain tumours are first detected as a result of character changes in patients, who may become increasingly irritable, neglect their appearance and develop aggressive, anti-social tendencies.

Dr Bill Deakin, a senior lecturer in psychiatry at Manchester University, says a great many diseases, not just brain tumours and injuries, could be picked up in their embryonic stages if greater attention were paid to the personality changes which can accompany or even precede physical ones.

"Any time somebody behaves totally out of character it is a good indication that they are in poor health," Dr Deakin says. "An aggravation of existing tendencies, as we commonly see in the elderly, is not the same as a true personality change. Healthy old people do not begin shoplifting, for example. That would be a sign of a depressive illness or some other disturbance."

Depressive illnesses may more easily be picked up than the subtle clues left by incipient Alzheimer's disease, diabetes or multiple sclerosis. And even alcohol abuse can shrink the frontal lobe of the brain, causing "disinhibition" and aggressive, over-talkative, wild behaviour. "Half the patients with Huntingdon's Chorea, caused by a chromosome abnormality, present a psychiatric problem," observes Dr Deakin. "They may appear to be simply 'mad'."

Violent mood swings can herald an attack of MS, sufferers veering between euphoria and apathy. A spokesman for the Multiple Sclerosis Society observes that a common reaction among newly diagnosed patients is a sense of relief "that they are not mad, but have a real ailment."

Dr Peter Maguire, also a senior lecturer in psychiatry at Manchester University and a specialist in the psychological aspects of cancer, points out that lethargy and irritability could also be the early warning signs of endocrine disorders such as diabetes or hypoglycaemia, or even kidney trouble.

Loss of libido can be due to any number of causes, from stress to the common cold, but, warns Richard Wells, adviser in cancer nursing to the Royal College of Nursing; it can imply, if not cancer itself, then at least "a fertile climate" for the disease. "This makes a strong argument for a holistic approach to health," he says. "We often don't pay enough attention to the warning signals our body gives us."

Shirley Harrison, who quotes Wells in her recently published book *New Approaches to Cancer* (Century, £6.95), lost her husband, John, to a particularly horrific combination of stomach and spinal cancer, which attacks the nervous system and causes extreme personality changes. "Changes of any sort should be taken note of," Shirley stresses, "although it's difficult to unscramble the chicken and the egg theory: whether the changes are a forerunner of cancer or an indication that the disease has already set in. Whichever, I wish I had acted upon what happened to me."

Shirley and her husband, John, were on a trip to Turkey when she noticed something was wrong. "He underwent a total personality change," she recalls. "In many ways, John was a rather introverted and lonely man, but he usually really shone while travelling. On that trip he went off wine, food — everything! I was bewildered. It wasn't until 10 months later that the cancer was diagnosed.

"A close friend's husband also had spinal cancer," she continues. "Theirs had been a happy marriage and suddenly he started accusing her of all sorts of terrible things. She was devastated. It was, in a way, a relief to her when his condition was diagnosed. Anything is better than thinking someone you love hates you."

Last year, Ann Gilbert's husband died, at the age of 60, from Alzheimer's Disease, the relentlessly progressive pre-senile dementia that can attack people as young as 30: "He was diagnosed at 56, but when I went through my diaries it became obvious that he had been suffering from Alzheimer's at least 11 years before it was picked up."

Ann began keeping diaries when her happy marriage to Clem, a successful commodities dealer in the City, began showing signs of strain. "I was never much for lady friends or crying on people's shoulders, so I told everything to my diary," she explains. "Within a short space of time our relationship totally changed — although Clem didn't realise it, which is one of the symptoms of Alzheimer's." He did strange things, like making her walk home, barefoot, from a New Year's Eve party and driving his car into a bollard and then "telephoning me, 30 miles away, to scream at me as if it were my fault. He would get furious at the boys for fighting, saying it was abnormal, when they were no different from other teenagers". Today, what particularly saddens Ann is that her younger son "never really knew his father at all".

She feels that what she has learned could be applied to other illnesses as well. "I saw my husband turn from a quiet, positive, clever man into someone who was unsure, ill-at-ease, irritable and totally lacking in confidence," she says. "It was horrible. I want to do anything I can to help others who are living through this sort of nightmare."

Victoria McKee

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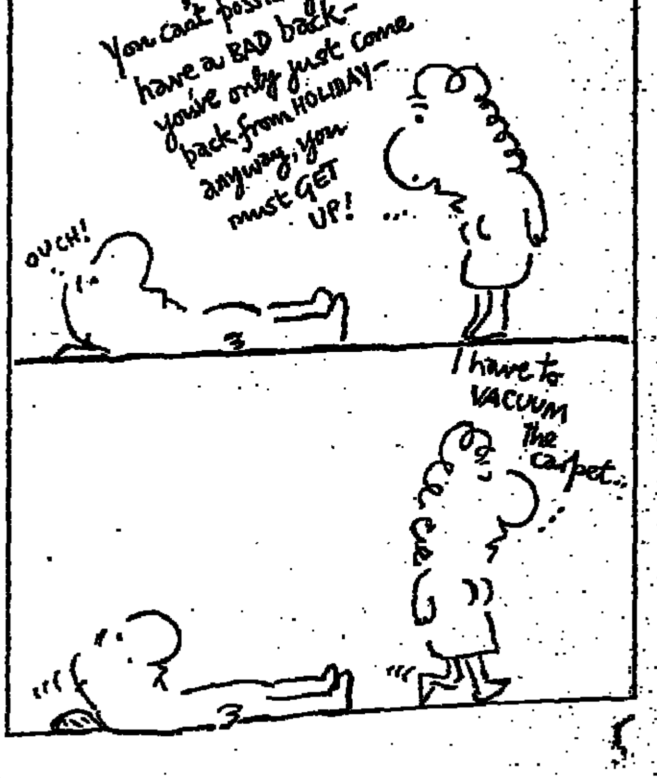
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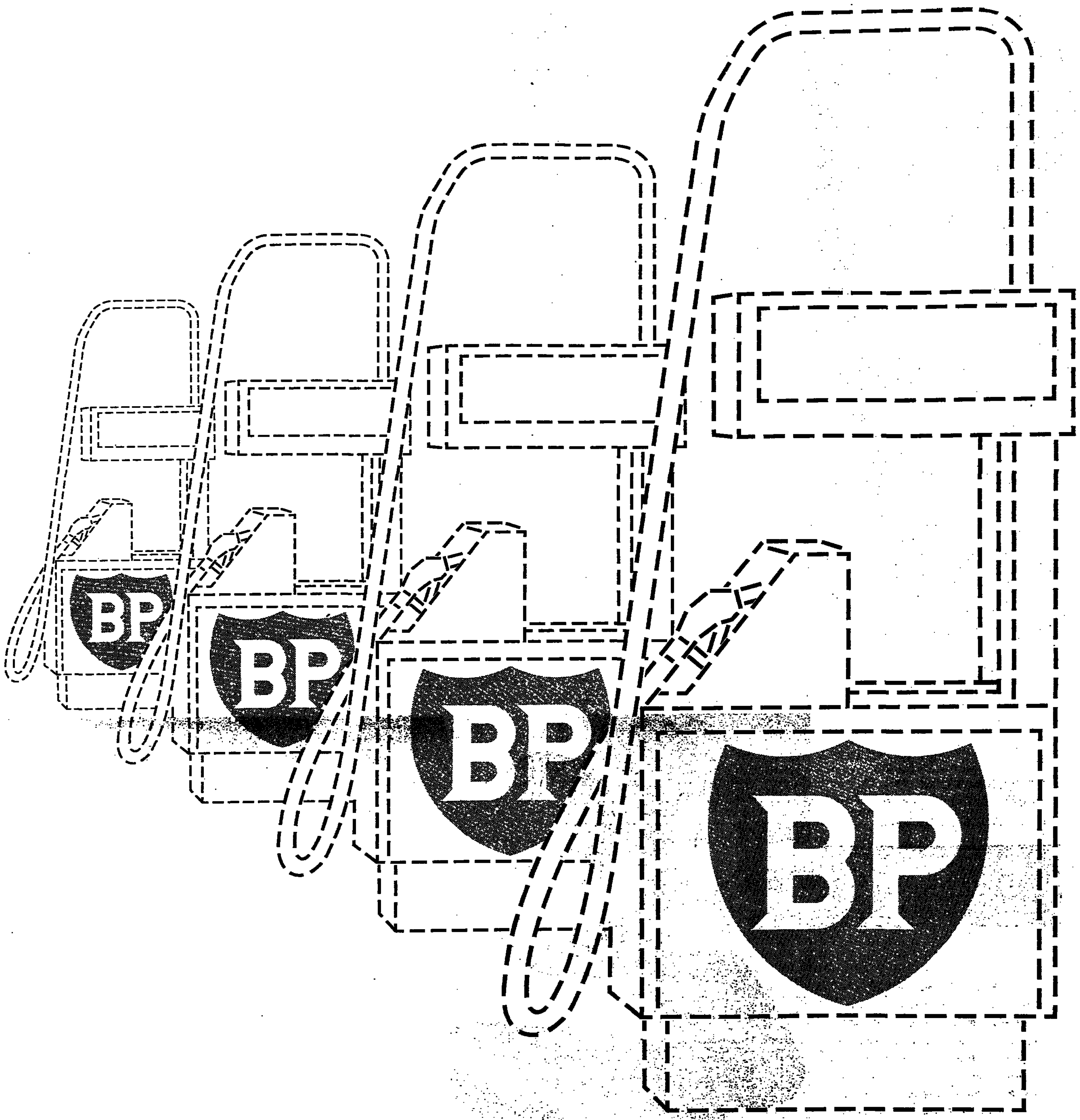

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Date of damage crucial

D.W. Moore and Co Ltd and Others v Ferrier and Others

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Bingham

[Judgment July 29]

Where professional persons, in giving advice and settling documents, made negligent mistakes which might not become apparent for many years, in the absence of fraud or concealment, time ran from the date of damage whether the claimant knew it or not.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the plaintiffs, D. W. Moore and Co Ltd, Mr David William Moore and Mrs Margaret Jean Moore, from an order dated July 23, 1986, of Mr R. M. Stewart, QC, sitting as deputy High Court judge who decided on a preliminary issue that the plaintiffs' action against the defendants, Mr Donald Charles Campbell Ferrier, Mr Michael Kenrick Crofts Morgan and Mr Benjamin Page Pearson, was statute barred under the Limitation Act 1980.

Mr Richard Seymour for the plaintiffs; Mr Timothy Saloman for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that in 1971 the plaintiff company, with the other plaintiffs as its directors, carried on the business of insurance brokers. *In March a Mr David* Fenton approached them to join in the business. The plaintiffs agreed and took Mr Fenton as a shareholder under a contract which was drafted by the defendants as their solicitors.

Clause 5 of the contract provided that in the event of any of the parties ceasing to be a "member of the company such person shall not engage in any other business connected with *insurance* or *insurance broking* in any way whatever within a radius of 15 miles of King's Lynn for a period of three years from the date of such person ceasing to be a member of the company".

According to the plaintiffs' statement of claim, the assertions in which for the purposes of the trial of the preliminary issue were accepted stated that the plaintiffs sought Mr Pearson's advice and were told that the covenant was "a valid and binding covenant and sufficient in law to prevent Mr Fenton from engaging" in the business of insurance or insurance broking for the period and distance specified.

Again in 1975 there was a further agreement between the plaintiffs and Mr Fenton increasing Mr Fenton's shareholding in the company. The plaintiffs again took Mr Pearson's advice and signed another agreement which contained a similar restrictive clause.

In 1980 Mr Fenton decided that he wished to cease to be a director or an employee of the company. He wished to establish himself in business as an insurance broker at Swaffham in Norfolk, which was within 15 miles of King's Lynn. He wished to canvass and to accept as clients persons who had been clients of the company.

The plaintiffs could not prevent that because the terms of the agreement would not allow that. Thus, they had to negotiate from a position of weakness and suffered loss. They issued a writ on April 16, 1985, seeking damages for loss arising from the defendants' negligence.

The defendants pleaded the Limitation Act 1980 and an order was made for that point to be tried as a preliminary issue.

The plaintiffs contended that the cause of action in tort against the defendants did not arise until December 1980 when Mr Fenton decided to leave the plaintiffs or, in other words, as counsel put it, when Mr Fenton was prepared to do something which the covenant ought to have prevented him doing. Until that date, it was submitted, no actual damage had been suffered by the plaintiffs so that the cause of action was incomplete.

On behalf of the defendants it was argued that the plaintiffs suffered actual damage when they executed the two agreements in July 1971 and in May 1975 and that the cause of action in both cases arose more than six years before the issue of the writ *in April 1985*.

Having examined authorities his Lordship concluded that there was no presumption that where a solicitor gave negligent advice damage was presumed to occur at the time when the advice was acted upon. It was a question of fact in each case whether actual damage had been established.

In the present case the plaintiffs suffered damage on the *dates when they executed the* two agreements because they did not get what they should have got.

Lord Justice Bingham gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Kerr agreed.

Solicitors: Gouldens for Hill & Perks, Norwich; Lovell, White & King.

Order to restrain breach

National Dock Labour Board v Sabah Timber Co Ltd and Another

The National Dock Labour Board had *locus standi* to seek an interlocutory injunction to restrain an alleged breach of the Dock Workers Employment Scheme 1967: the board was not restricted to taking criminal proceedings or bound to await a determination by an indusurial tribunal as to whether there had been a breach.

Where, *prima facie*, a breach of the scheme had been made out, the likelihood that widespead industrial action would occur if the breach were not restrained should be taken into account in determining where the balance of convenience lay, even if it appeared that such action would be unlawful.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Stephen Brown) so held on July 31, allowing an appeal from Mr Justice Turner who on *July 29* had refused to grant the board an interlocutory injunction to restrain the defendants from, *inter alia*, loading or discharging cargo at a wharf on the River Roding otherwise than in strict compliance with the Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act 1946, the Docks and Harbours Act 1966 and the 1967 Scheme.

The principal basis of the judge's refusal had been that the industrial action, which was likely to occur if the defendants' alleged breach were not restrained, would be unlawful.

Revenue wrong on building society tax

Regina v Inland Revenue Commissioners, Ex parte Woolwich Equitable Building Society

Before Mr Justice Nolan

[Judgment July 31]

Delegated legislation (the Income Tax (Building Societies) *Regulations (SI 1986 No 482)*) which went beyond the scope of the enabling legislation on which its validity depended (section 343(1A) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970, as inserted by section 40 of the Finance Act 1985) in so far as it purported to levy tax on dividends and interest paid by a building society in the year 1985/1986 — which period had already been the subject of arrangements between the society and the Revenue and for which tax had been paid — was *ultra vires* and transgressed the fundamental principles of taxation law.

Mr Justice Nolan so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment when he granted the Woolwich Equitable Building Society ("Woolwich") a declaration to the effect that regulation 11 of the 1986 Regulations was void in its entirety, that the remaining regulations were void in so far as they purported to apply to payments and receipts prior to April 6, 1986, and made an order for repayment of £57,000,000 by the Revenue to the society. Payment of interest on the principal sum was adjourned for determination at a later date.

Mr John Gardiner, QC and Mr Nicholas Underhill for Woolwich; Mr Donald Potter, QC and Mr Alan Moses for the Revenue.

MR JUSTICE NOLAN said that it was common knowledge that one of the main functions of the building society movement had always been to provide a safe and simple form of investment for those of slender means. Such investors, by reason of their personal reliefs, would commonly be liable to tax at a rate lower than the basic rate or perhaps to no tax at all.

In 1894 Woolwich elected to join an arrangement with the Revenue by which, and in subsequent arrangements, in fixing a particular rate of income tax the situation arose in which the same total amount of tax was paid by the society as would have been borne by the members if no arrangements were in force.

In respect of dividends and interest paid to those who were not entitled to any relief or exemption from income tax (for example, ordinary commercial investment companies) the society would pay tax at the standard or basic rate.

To those who were entitled to any relief (individuals, largely) the society would pay tax at what was called the reduced or composite rate (such rate agreed *between the* Building Societies Association and the Revenue after annual negotiations). The members received their dividends and interest without any further tax liability save in respect of those who were liable to tax at the higher rates.

It had to be borne in mind that, although the practical effect of the arrangements between societies and the Revenue (wholly extra-statutory until section 23 of the Finance Act *1951*) was that the societies negotiated and paid tax by procedures in which the individual members played no part, the tax nevertheless represented the liability imposed by Parliament on the dividends and interest received by the individual members.

A conceptual difficulty was that the reduced rate (25.25 per cent in 1985/1986) was a rate for which no individual member would in law be liable save by coincidence. Thus, when a society entered into arrangements with the Revenue for a particular year, it had had to carry with it the authority of some members (whether they realized it or not) to give up the whole or part of their entitlement to personal reliefs for the benefit of other members.

A further difficulty was that the amount of tax paid by societies under the arrangements had been calculated, before April 6, 1986, by reference to the dividends and interest debited in the particular society's annual accounts, which seldom coincided with the tax year (Woolwich's were always made up to September 30).

From 1966/1967 to 1985/1986 calculation had been by reference to the accounts for the period ending in the current year of assessment. The rule was *for tax to be paid on January* 1 in the year of assessment. That involved a measure of estimation (subsequently corrected) for those societies whose accounting period ended between January 1 and April 5.

From 1975/1976 dividends and interest were apportioned on a time basis between the two years of assessment, and a separate computation of the reduced rate was made for each apportioned part by reference to the basic rate for the year of assessment in which it fell.

Pursuant to arrangements made on October 25, 1985, with the Revenue, Woolwich paid £138,201,856 in January 1986 on behalf of its members, who were exonerated under section 343(3) of the 1970 Act from any assessment to income tax in respect of any dividends or interest payable to them by Woolwich in that year.

The principal effects of the new regime introduced by section 343(1A) and the 1986 Regulations (coming into force on April 6, 1986) were to make *the system of collection of tax* on members' dividends and interest compulsory rather than voluntary, to require payment of the tax quarterly on the last days of February, May, August and November instead of annually in January, and to calculate the tax on the actual amounts of dividends and interest paid in the quarter.

The combined effect of regulations 3 and 11 upon *Woolwich and its members* was that in the years of assessment 1986/1987 and 1987/1988 tax had to be paid on not only the dividends and interest paid between April 6, 1986, and February 28, 1988, but also the dividends and interest paid (less the amount credited under regulation 12) between October 1, 1985, and April 5, 1986.

That was a truly astonishing result, in his Lordship's view. Income tax was an annual tax; it lapsed on April 5 every year but the fact remained that the tax was one which had to be authorized anew by Parliament for each year of assessment, and it was essentially a tax upon the income, however calculated, of that year.

Parliament was omnipotent, but in none of the Finance Acts for the present or of the last century had it ever sought to levy a year's income tax on the *income of more than* a year.

The suggestion that it had implicitly authorized the Revenue to achieve such a result by way of delegated legislation was one which defied acceptance.

It was true that the tax in the present case was tax on the dividends and interest received by the members in the year of assessment, charged in the year 1985/1986 by section 232 of the 1970 Act in the case of dividends, and sections 108 and 109 in the case of interest.

It was equally true, however, that by virtue of section 343 and of the voluntary arrangement between Woolwich and the Revenue dated October 25, 1985, the amount of that income was taken to be the amount debited in the Woolwich accounts for the year to September 30, 1985.

By claiming further tax on the dividends and interest received by the members during the *period 1985/1986, the Revenue* were going back on the arrangement.

Section 343(1A) did not authorize the Revenue so to act and the amendments made by section 40 of the Finance Act 1985 did not affect the operation of section 343(3)(*b*) on the income of 1985/1986.

The fact that regulation 11 provided for tax to be charged at 1985/1986 rates was itself a clear *indication the* Regulations went beyond the power conferred by section 343(1A), which was a power to be exercised solely with respect to 1986/1987 and subsequent years, each of those years being a separate year of assessment to income tax and the rate of tax for which fell to be determined if and when Parliament determined to levy tax for that year.

His Lordship, having considered arguments about the character of the previous arrangements between the societies and the Revenue, concluded that the basis adopted for measuring the taxable income of the members was, no doubt, extra-statutory and inaccurate.

But it was sanctioned by long standing mutual arrangements and by the tacit approval of section 343 and its predecessors. The measure did not fit the dividends and interest received by any particular member, but it was accepted as a measure of the liability of what might be called the composite member, whose tax liability was represented by the reduced or composite rate.

To the extent that the Rev*enue sought to tax the composite* member, or the membership as a whole, both on the debit in the Woolwich accounts to September 30, 1985, and on the dividends and interest of the period October 1, 1985, to April 5, *1986, there was indeed an* element of what might be called double taxation.

Accordingly, the 1986 Regulations were *ultra vires* in so far as they sought to levy tax on dividends and interest paid by building societies in *1985/1986*.

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Right to call evidence in care order cases

Regina v Birmingham City Juvenile Court, Ex parte Birmingham City Council

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice *Stephen Brown* and Lord Justice Neill

[Judgment August 7]

It was unlawful for justices to determine a disputed application for an interim care order under section *2(10)* of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 without evidence and without giving the parties the opportunity to exercise their rights under the Magistrates' Courts (Children and Young Persons) Rules (SI 1970 No 1792) to call and cross-examine witnesses.

The Court of Appeal granted a declaration to that effect, allowing an appeal by Birmingham City Council from Mr Justice Ewbank who, sitting as an additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division (*The Times* February 16), had dismissed its application for judicial review of a refusal of the Birmingham City Juvenile Court on January 27 to allow the council to call evidence on an application for an interim care order under section 2(10) of the 1969 Act.

Mr Robert Gray QC and Mr Roger McCarthy for the council; *Mr Roger D. H. Smith* for the juvenile court; Mr Paul Lopez for the mother.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the making of any care order, including an interim one, was a serious matter, involving as it did the transfer of care of a child to the local authority with inevitable and possibly disturbing disruption to the child's life.

It was against that background that the 1969 Act and the 1970 Rules had to be considered. Rule 14B, which gave parents the right to cross-examine witnesses called by a local authority in care proceedings and to call evidence in rebuttal, applied to such proceedings from the time when the child was first brought before the court and was not limited to the proceedings when a final order was being considered.

The making of an order under section 2(10) involved a judicial decision. If on an application for such an order it was apparent that it was opposed by a parent who wished to challenge any allegations made against him, it was imperative that evidence on oath should be given on behalf of the local authority so that the parent's rights under rule 14B could be exercised.

His Lordship strongly endorsed the approach adopted by Mr Justice Garland in *R v Croydon Juvenile Court, Ex parte N* ([1987] 1 FLR 252, 260) where he explained why the interests of justice and natural justice required the calling of evidence in such circumstances.

Long hearings of applications for interim orders had not been intended by Parliament and were not in the interests of justice. It was important that the interlocutory nature of an in*terim order should be* recognised and every effort made to restrict the cross-examination and the evidence to the essential issues and to avoid a "dress-rehearsal" of the final hearing.

Lord Justice Stephen Brown delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Dillon agreed.

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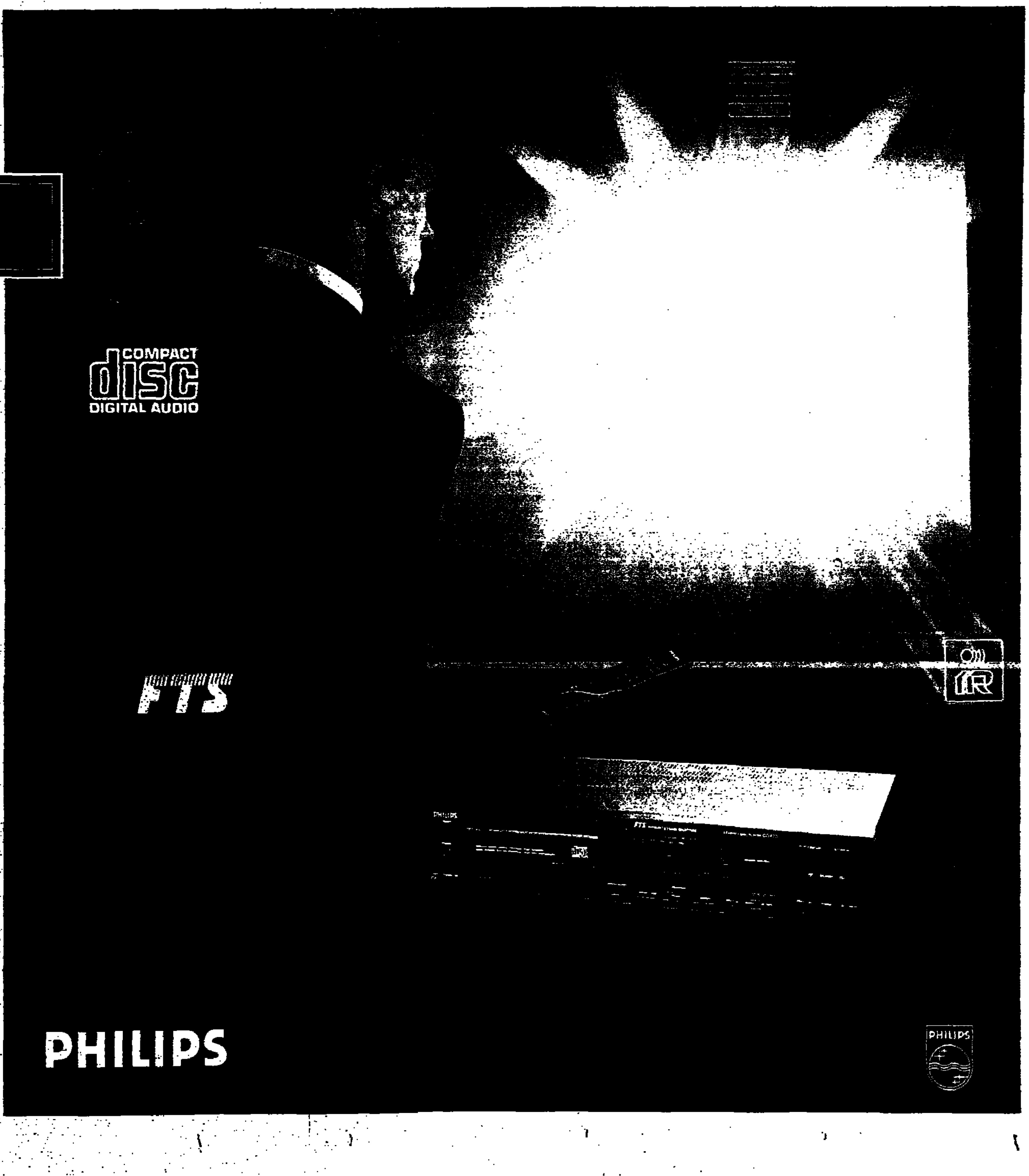

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Kiffin's complaint

Dolly Kiffin, the Broadwater Farm community leader, is protesting to the Metropolitan Police Commissioner at the shifting of Tottenham's police chief, Alan Stainsby, to an admin job. Stainsby, who was appointed chief superintendent there after the 1985 London riots, attracted attention in May when he wrote to Labour's Bernie Grant wishing him well in his election campaign. He told Grant — notorious for commenting that the police had received a "*bloody good hiding*" in the riot — that he would make "a caring, committed, hardworking and I think most effective MP". Yesterday, Stainsby, who expressed sadness at leaving his post, admitted the letter had earned him flak from colleagues: "But nobody has said it has anything to do with this move." Dolly Kiffin told me: "He has made some real progress with this community. He is the best policeman we ever had. It proves my point that the higher-up policemen are racist." She also attacked the record of Stainsby's successor, Dick Stacey, a community relations officer at the time of the riot.

Springboard

John Moore, the new Health Secretary, takes his calling seriously, but working at Alexander Fleming House at the Elephant and Castle gives him little chance to indulge his passion for exercise. He will be doubly thankful, therefore, over the department's move to Whitehall after Christmas. Apart from the bonus of being able to keep Downing Street firmly in view from his desk (PHS August 28) he will be able to swim every day in the famous mosaic pool at the nearby RAC Club. While at the Elephant, Moore has insisted on only a couple of lunches a week to give him time to stay in shape. With his junior, Edwina Currie, exhorting the public to eat properly, we might soon see mandarins jogging along Whitehall.

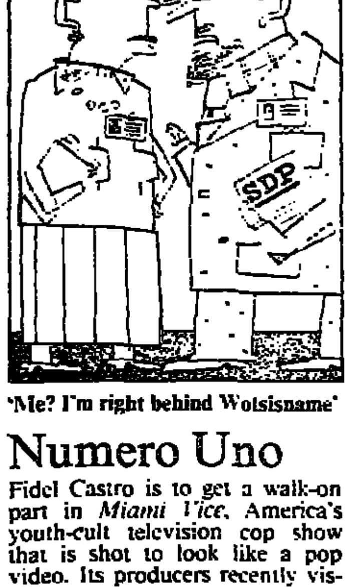
Rock on

David Owen's name is set to live for ever on the wall of a Los Angeles burger parlour. At Phillips's sale of pop memorabilia last week, the city's Hard Rock Café paid £160 for a letter Owen wrote in 1985 spurning an approach to nominate Bob Geldof for the Nobel Peace Prize on the grounds that "many people have given money or donated their time" to famine relief. To the auction house's amazement, intense bidding from the rival Hard Rock Café in New York sent the letter soaring £80 over its estimate.

Drug and mug

The Japanese have alerted visitors to a new hazard. Competitors in the world snooker series which started in Tokyo at the weekend — among them Steve Davis — were warned by their hotel in fractured English against gangs of robbers who first drug their victims. Considering the sport's reputation for illicit use of drugs, I would say the warning will be heeded.

BARRY FANTONI



'Me? I'm right behind Wotsisname'

Numero Uno

Fidel Castro is to get a walk-on part in *Miami Vice*, America's youth-cult television cop show that is shot to look like a pop video. Its producers recently visited Havana dangling the carrot of foreign currency to secure permission to film an episode in Cuba. Castro not only immediately agreed but volunteered his services as an actor. The Cuban leader will make a fleeting appearance — playing himself, of course.

Big C, Big L

Twenty years after pirate radio stations were driven from the airwaves by the Wilson government, it has emerged that Prince Charles was an enthusiastic listener. Writing in the magazine *Radio Now*, broadcasting historian Chris Elliot reveals that the teenage Charles applied for membership of pirate Radio London's "Big L Fan Club". His application was accompanied by a note from Buckingham Palace requesting that it should receive no publicity. Yesterday, Tony Blackburn, one of the DJs who worked on board the ship, moored three-and-a-half miles off Frinton, said he remembered being told of the station's royal fan. "He would have received a badge, photographs of the DJs and a car sticker," he told me.

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Collision course in the Gulf

Michael Binyon reports on the political and military hazards that threaten Reagan's iron-fist approach to Iran

Washington

The latest Iraqi fighter strikes on Iranian installations have also inflicted serious, and possibly long-term, damage on American policy in the Gulf. They have torpedoed lingering US hopes of unanimous United Nations Security Council backing for an arms embargo on Iran. They have exploded the diplomatic fiction of American neutrality in the war. And they have exposed the contradictions in America's escort operation, quickening the debate here on whether the US should redouble or scale down what appears to be a hazardous and open-ended commitment.

Immediate State Department reaction was to deplore the timing of the Iraqi raids. Coming as General Vernon Walters conducts intensive lobbying among his Security Council colleagues, the resumption of attacks undermines the US contention that the world's censure should be directed solely at Iran. It is hard to portray Iraq as the moderate side while its jets rain bombs on Iranian oil terminals. It also undermines Western unity — Britain has already made clear its outrage at the Iraqi action.

At the same time, however, there is a powerful body of opinion here that is tacitly encouraging Iraq to strike hard at Iran, believing this to be the only way to put pressure on Tehran to accept a ceasefire. Michael Armacost, the Under-Secretary of State, said at the weekend that the attacks were "understandable" in terms of Iraqi interests. The impression was widely given that America was talking out of both sides of its mouth.

All this has reinforced the criticism here that the Administration is floundering in the dangerous Gulf waters. Congress, the press, even influential Republicans, believe that willy-nilly America is being sucked into war.

The Administration's dilemma stems from confusion over aims and strategy. The central issue, most analysts agree, is that Iran's revolution threatens moderate Arab governments, the West's oil supply and stability throughout the region. There is therefore strong support for firm action to contain Iran.

But most Americans would like to do more than that. They would like to give Iran a bloody nose. Iran has assumed a fixed place in American demonology: a country whose malevolence has been the undoing of two presidents, an irrational enemy which seems able to taunt the United States with impunity. The Iran-Contra hearings were a humiliation for President Reagan and for most Americans. The skill of Nizar Hamdoon, Iraq's accomplished ambassador to Washington, has reinforced the popular view that Iran must be taught a lesson.

But it was the Russians, not Iran, who brought the US Navy into the Gulf. Reagan and Caspar Weinberger, his Defence Secretary, have always seen the Russians as a greater long-term threat than Iran, Libya or any other country with which the US has been drawn into conflict. And both have admitted it was the Soviet decision to protect Kuwaiti tankers that spurred Washington, within days, into undertaking a similar task.

And so US escort operations began before the Adminstration had the full support from the Gulf states, Congress or the European allies. The mining of the waters increased US determination not to back down. But to protect the ships, the Administration promoted the UN ceasefire. Since that applied only in Gulf waters, the main route for Iran's oil exports, it effectively gave Iran a free ride, as many critics here pointed out. Oil prices rose, Iran could concentrate on a land offensive where it has superiority. It was only a matter of time before Iraq would resume fire.

The policy is under attack from both left and right. Conservatives, while applauding a tough line towards Iran are uneasy at the increasingly close relations with Arab states. The powerful pro-Israel lobby is fearful that the Administration will use the new situation to justify selling arms to Saudi Arabia. The right believes the US cannot now pull back, but sees the Soviet Union strengthening links with Tehran and playing the role of peacemaker at America's expense. Liberals also believe the US cannot withdraw from its commitment. But Democrats in Congress are alarmed by the escalation and angry at the refusal of the Administration to invoke the War Powers Act, which would give Congress a say in the deployment of US forces in the danger zone.

The spectre haunting all Americans is the débâcle in Lebanon, where the Iranian-inspired bombing of the Marine base forced the withdrawal of US troops. Americans then were caught in the middle of a conflict where they had no defined role and no long-term strategy. They were, as many now say the sailors in the Gulf are, sitting ducks.

Even the Pentagon is beginning to wonder whether the escort operation is an open-ended commitment. The temptation for Tehran is to increase the pressure with terrorism, mines or suicide speedboats like the truck bombers, provoking an American military response that could have devastating political repercussions.

In the wake of the Iran-Contra scandal, Reagan is determined to show firmness and resolution. But without domestic support and allied unity, the US cannot apply the steady pressure needed to make Tehran accept a ceasefire or reassess its actions.

The US is unanimous in wanting an end to the Gulf war, but a weakened administration is unsure now how to proceed. Like a driver overtaking riskily, it can either press forward or fall back and wait for a better opportunity. At present it is wavering, heading towards a nasty collision.

Robin Oakley on the dissent that has dogged the SDP from the start

How Owenites fell for a false prospectus

Before the mould-breakers broke: the Gang of Four when the going was good

Goodbye then to the SDP as we have known it. In the end they kept their dignity. Ashamed of the initial hissing and barracking, they managed after that to dismember their party with the passion and emotion which their general election campaign so signally lacked but without blood-sport brutality.

But don't let them ever talk again, please, of the "new politics" with the implication that there is something cleaner, whiter-washed about the Alliance way of doing things. Never again let them utter the phrase "partnership of principle". This was old, mucky politics which had as much to do with big fish in small ponds as it did with great issues.

The SDP conference, in its final revelation of the long-term tensions that have existed between Dr Owen and his Gang of Four colleagues, has surely shattered the illusions of many thousands of the party's supporters. But it has also revealed the source of their troubles — Mrs Thatcher.

Owen and his supporters argue in effect that the Thatcherite revolution is irreversible. They believe that she will never be beaten unless by a party with a message as crisp and clear as her own, carrying equal conviction that it can manage the economy successfully and defend the country properly in a nuclear age.

Owen sees Roy Jenkins, Shirley Williams and William Rodgers as Labour Party relics fixed in the thinking of the 1960s and unresponsive to the changed world. Despite David Steel's public denials, he believes the Liberal leader's fixation with the realignment of the left will lead inevitably to some kind of pact or deal with an unelectable Labour Party and that the pro-mergerites in the SDP would acquiesce.

The evidence is growing that his instincts are correct. The Liberal chief whip, David Alton, has advocated a Lib-Lab pact. Labour interest in proportional representation is stirring. A Labour front-bencher, Austin Mitchell, was in Portsmouth telling Social Democrats that they had a pedestal, not a party, and urging them to "come on over". At a fringe meeting Michael Meadowcroft, the former Liberal MP, and the SDP's David Marquand insisted that an eventual deal with a Labour Party embracing electoral reform should not be ruled out.

The Owenites feel bitterly that they were lured into the SDP on a false prospectus. Owen does not blame Steel for bouncing the SDP into the merger debate. He sees it as a six-year conspiracy by the Gang of Three and by Roy Jenkins in particular, whom he accuses of wanting to found the SDP merely as a stepping stone to merger.

The Owenites talk darkly of conspiratorial deals even during the election between Dick Newby, the SDP's general secretary, and Andy Ellis, his Liberal counterpart, with papers shuffled into desk drawers when those not in on the secret entered the room.

The pro-mergerites argue that Owen is rewriting history, that the idea of two distinctive parties working in alliance has now been tried at two general elections and found wanting. What use is it, they ask, having trenchant policies for the post-Thatcher era if you never reach the post-Thatcher era. First, win your election. A fourth party, they argue, is a luxury that cannot be afforded until after proportional representation.

Where Owen lost the SDP majority was in helping to bounce the party into a ballot before the merger issue had been discussed at the conference, and by ruling out, before negotiations had even begun, the possibility of merger producing a party in which he was prepared to work. The weakness of his position is his admission that any new rump SDP will have to work with the merged Alliance.

Despite a certain amount of necessary muscle-flexing by the emergent Robert Maclennan it seems likely that a merger will be struck. The two SDP factions will then go their separate ways. For Owen that will bring the freedom of operation he craves.

The SDP as it has developed has been an encumbrance to him. The white-faced leader who has slipped reluctantly at the last minute into meetings of a national committee where he has never felt comfortable will have only like minds around him. He will not be worn out by fighting endless battles to keep his party free (as he has always seen it) from the taint of compromise sought by those to whom unity with the Liberals has always been more important than clarity of message. He will have the freedom he did not have before to tell the electorate: "Yes, we might do a deal with the Tories, but not with Labour."

Owen sees the new rump SDP developing slowly, satisfied with its few thousand members and three MPs and fighting only selected by-elections. But he believes it will be a coiled spring, ready to bound forward the moment a soggy-centred Alliance vacates the middle ground by doing a deal with Labour.

Inevitably, for the moment, the spotlight is still focused on the lost leader. But it will not automatically remain there. Owen is taking a desperate gamble. He will have to work harder than ever for the same media attention. Having rejected a second party as unfit for his convictions he will have to demonstrate that he can draw enough followers to create his own. And who can he attract who did not sign on for the old SDP in the heady days of its early success? He has no organization man, no by-election wizard like Alex McGivan, with him this time.

It must not be forgotten that the relief felt in the Owen camp is echoed by their SDP rivals and the Liberals. It was Owen who fought against joint selection of candidates when it was happening by an organic process among SDP and Liberal parties on the ground. That was the first "grassroots uprising", not the one claimed now by the anti-merger Owenites.

Buttonholing a leading Liberal and a major SDP figure immediately after the conference vote for merger, I was struck by the identical response. "Now at last we are free to debate policy instead of negotiating it," they both declared. "Now the natural Alliance majority within the two parties can be released."

It was Owen, they believe, who slowed up the natural process of coming together by insisting on arms-length negotiations. The Alliance will gain a strength of its own from the genuine meeting of minds among those who remain in the post-Owen organization.

The tensions which had built up within the SDP were too much for its fragile structure to stand in the gloom of the election aftermath. Now those tensions are being discharged and both sides will gain the freedom to go where their hearts lead them. The question still to be answered is whether they have both lost touch with the electorate in the process.

Heads adrift on a chance for real reform

Welcome though they are, has Kenneth Baker really hit the nail on the head with his proposals for a national schools curriculum? They are concerned only with the explicit curriculum: the subjects to be taught, and their content. But there is also an implicit curriculum. This is concerned with the ethos and qualities of the school — such things as pastoral care, discipline and diligence.

In this area much depends on the influence and authority of the head. It is curious, therefore, that neither Mr Baker nor the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT), which was so critical of his proposals, seems to have put this at the top of their agenda.

The head teacher's authority is doubly limited. On one side stands an over-attentive local education authority which relieves him of too many decisions and fills his in-tray with irrelevant paper. On the other side are powerful unions whom he often finds himself consulting in preference to his own management team.

British industry found the combination of weak management and strong unions fatally enervating. Mrs Thatcher saw the point and attacked the problem with courage and energy. We have all seen the results. Education is not to be compared too closely with industry, but here the analogy holds. Management must have the right to manage. Head teachers must have full authority in their own schools.

Taking power from the LEAs and giving it to governors will not help unless the governors delegate their authority in turn to the head. A recent television report from Scotland suggested that parents, on becoming governors, would have the power to appoint and dismiss staff. God forbid. That is clearly the job of the head. To take another analogy with industry, the governors must play a role not unlike that of the non-executive director.

Governors are responsible ultimately for the success of the school. They appoint the head, give him or her the maximum freedom and encouragement to run it and, if ultimately he does not do the job satisfactorily, they must dismiss him. To put it simply, heads must be given proper authority, be well paid for their work and be accountable to their governors.

Sadly, the NAHT does not seem to have grasped this point. Its response to Mr Baker's proposals has been almost totally negative at a time when positive criticism is needed. The claim by David Hart, general secretary of the NAHT, that national tests will lead to 50 per cent of children failing reminds one of the trades union leader who complained that 50 per cent of workers were paid below the average wage.

No one acquainted with the real world could seriously suggest that assessment and quality are not an inevitable part of any service, private or state-run. The public expects a high quality of education for its money, but in the league tables which the NAHT so despises the United Kingdom comes near the bottom.

Despite the new legislation it seems that the teachers' unions are still too powerful in maintained schools. Deep harm has been done to the profession through the teachers' strikes. Not only have they infuriated the public but are unpopular with teachers themselves, as the steep decline in NUT membership demonstrates.

Strikes should be made illegal and other means found for settling disputes and ensuring that teachers receive a reasonable salary. The teaching profession is at heart idealistic, intelligent and dedicated. It cannot be beyond its members to find a better way to protect their interests.

Strong management in schools will in turn strengthen the implicit curriculum. It will lead to an improvement in the learning environment and thus provide a framework within which excellence can again be attained.

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Ronald Butt

A dead child in history

So what will the history books make of the SDP, which is believed to have perished at the age of six? Will they see the strife in which it was destroyed as an expense of spirit in a waste of shame; political lust in action, devoid of meaning? Was anything achieved by the Social Democratic defection from the Labour Party and the so-called new politics that were supposed to break the mould?

Dr Owen remains a national figure virtually without a party. The Social Democratic majority will follow Mr Robert Maclennan into merger talks with the Liberals. The negotiations will not be easy. They will be the harder because Maclennan enters them wishing to secure agreement not only on a structure for the merged party which would prevent the kind of internal anarchy to which the Liberals are prone, but also on policy matters.

He has laid down criteria for policy which are positively Owenite in character: an acceptance of competitive markets and a retreat from state centralism, a commitment not only to Nato but to a nuclear deterrent, as well as to nuclear energy. All of these are opposed by many Liberals.

Yet formulas for merger will probably be found because it is essential both for the mergerist SDP and the dominant Liberals that they should be. For Shirley Williams and the other SDP mergerists the only alternative is a humiliating and unthinkable return to Owen's fold and a recognition that he was right all along in insisting that the parties were too different to merge.

As for the Liberals, they need merger if they are not to lose altogether the ballast the Social Democrats brought to the Alliance, and it is especially needed by Mr Steel. This cunning operator launched the merger ultimatum which precipitated the ballot that has split the SDP, and by so doing he has enraged some Liberals as well as the Owenites: Mr John Pardoe has accused him of "appalling conduct". Mr Steel dare not prove to have broken the Alliance for nothing.

Formulas will therefore be contrived to satisfy the SDP mergerist majority, though perhaps not Mr Maclennan himself, who may genuinely be testing the ground. But policy formulas for merger will have no greater durability than the entrenched clauses for democracy in a newly established African state. The new party's future policy will be determined by the fact that it will essentially be an augmented Liberal Party with the merged Social Democrats a minority in both numbers and organization.

It will have little distinctive to show for the presence of the social democratic element beyond the acquisition of a few thousand activists, the SDP membership lists, a minimal organization and a few ex-Labour Cabinet ministers who would have impressed the public far more if they had joined fresh from office six years ago, but who are now very much yesterday's people, with nowhere else to go.

That applies to their politics also. The political attitudes which the SDP mergerists will bring to the merger are simply those of the post-Fifties Croslandite Labour Party, which of course are also those of Mr Steel and the dominant band of Liberals who cooperated so happily with Mr Callaghan's government.

There never has been a pin to choose between the egalitarianism and social engineering obsessions of Shirley Williams and Roy Jenkins and those of David Steel, or their attachment to the peculiar brand of moral libertarianism described by Roy Jenkins as the "civilized society". They share the same statist view of economic management; the same belief in planning and in the hegemony of state social services.

These attitudes have nothing to say to the Britain which has evolved since 1979, and the public is unlikely to be any more impressed by yesterday's policies than by the presence of three ex-Labour ministers who last held office about a decade ago.

Roy Jenkins is wrong to say that though he and Owen differ in style there is "precious little" between them on policy. Owen once thought as Jenkins does but he has the gift of political learning and has recognized that a successful opposition must satisfy the new conditions of politics.

Whatever happens, the SDP will have an important place in the history books for two reasons. First, the ex-Labour defectors did public service by helping to explode the bogus credibility of an extremist Labour Party at a crucial moment, and by the testimony of ex-ministers with first-hand knowledge that the public's fears of the drift to the left were not just got up by the Tories.

Second, even if Owen himself were to have no political future, the later Owenite SDP has shown very clearly the kind of anti-statist approach that has to be adopted by any opposition party wishing to stand a chance of ousting the Tories from office in post-1979 Britain. Punished by defection and defeat, Mr Kinnock and his colleagues have now themselves taken the point and have been trying to adapt some of their policies to the post-Thatcher world. If, which is unlikely, they were to succeed in defeating their left, Dr Owen's job would be done for him.

If Mr Kinnock fails, Owen may one day have a role in the emergence, by means wholly unpredictable, of an alternative opposition. The danger is that by sleight of words the Labour Party might give the appearance of having changed without really doing so.

Despite its failure now, the SDP has been an important element in the chemistry of politics, a catalyst for change in the never ceasing evolution of political ideas and structures. It remains important because that part of it resisting merger states very clearly the criteria for a successful opposition. That is not one in which Shirley Williams, David Steel or even Roy Jenkins could have any convincing place.

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however . . . Susan Marling

New lines in imbecility

"Hi, this is Laura Denny, thank you for phoning the Hollywood Hotline to hear about . . . Elvis. Latest news is that the Penthouse floor of the Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas where the King used to stay is now open to the public. Twenty thousand fans have already paid $5 to see the bed where the Presleys slept and the marble floor where Elvis used to sit spitting cherry pips into a waste basket."

Counting the pips on this call, one of the three million that are made annually to the "Providers of telephone information and entertainment", I worked out that I had spent about £1.20 for a column of fanzine chat.

How much money is being made out of our fingers walking through pop and porn and racing tips — to say nothing of the wrong numbers that give you Aids when you dialled Acne — can only be guessed. The 65 companies now in business, playing tapes either from British Telecom premises or their own, have choked off the competition by using all available network lines, so that future tape jockeys can't get into the race.

But who are these people? I went once to a factory near Sidcup where Musak is made, just to get a look at the people responsible for producing all that dreadful sound. I wanted to see who they were in the way you want to know who burgled your house. So, can I trust these telephone tinkers to tell me all I want to know about thrush? Can Frank, whose sexual problem is being discussed, be sure he's not being sent up?

In theory, anyone can set up a telephone service. A licence is no longer required by the Department of Trade and Industry and the business is left to regulate itself through the Association of Telephone Information and Entertainment Providers. (Whose Christmas party, presumably, is enjoyed by each member in the comfort of his own home.)

Judging by the recent police raid on the homes of some tape touts who allegedly had been ringing their own services over and over, collecting their BT fees for the calls, and then absconding before paying their own telephone bills, it would seem that some carrion crows have got among the Busbys in this field.

What's more worrying is that even the legitimate outfits are producing tapes that aren't very good. Most of them sound as if they have been made in someone's back bedroom, especially the soft porn stories in which you can often hear more than a hint of suppressed laughter.

"I'm Sandy, the ski-chalet maid. It was *so* embarrassing this morning when I walked into a chalet bathroom and found a man wearing nothing at all (giggle, snuffle). It was so hot and steamy in there. I just felt my little uniform clinging to me (snort). Somehow I slipped on the soap and . . ." and so on through the ludicrously hackneyed chronicles of saucy policewomen, doctors and nurses, farmers' daughters and "models", all talking in flat, employment agency voices about what it was like being chosen as Miss Sunday Sport.

Where once it was only possible to ring for the latest cricket score you can now dial Gail who scored at cricket and "stumped the wicketkeeper" by streaking at the Notts-Derby match and is very eager to talk about it. It's as though the handwritten stickers in metropolitan telephone boxes had suddenly found a voice, for people who want to peep with their ears.

In the "straight" tapes too, the quality is low. The interview with the motorcyclist Ron Haslam on the limits of tyre adhesion would have lost the most junior local radio reporter a job — always supposing anyone could be found who could keep awake through three minutes in which the background engine noise is the only point of interest.

I cannot imagine BT's newly responsible shareholders wishing to make profits out of "Laura Denny talking about" and similar inane nonsense. The real telephoning that needs to be done is to complain and cajole, and so raise standards.

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WASTED FOOD

Our report today on the wasteful ways in which the European Community's food aid reaches – or more often does not reach – its hungry recipients makes mournful reading. We should be pleased then that, according to officials in Brussels, the damning findings of the Community's auditors are now largely of historical interest.

The problems, they say, have been rectified. The catalogue of inefficiency and malpractice, with its tales of food aid arriving at disaster sites more than 12 months too late or reaching its destination irredeemably tainted, is now said to be more or less closed.

Sadly, this is only half the story. On July 1 new regulations did, indeed, come into force as the result of a change in policy inaugurated during Britain's recent presidency of the Community. This had two main thrusts. The first was to loosen the correlation between the EEC's aid policy and its common agricultural policy. The second was to permit so-called triangular purchases in which, for example, the Community pays in cash to buy wheat in Zimbabwe, which has a surplus, for use in Mozambique, which has a famine. Thus development assistance would be provided in one country and emergency food aid in another, without the delays involved in despatching grain and dairy produce from the actual European food mountains.

This initiative, encouraged by the powerful advocacy of the Overseas Development Minister, Mr Chris Patten, represented an important step in the right direction. The old system was extremely wasteful. It tended to provide recipient countries with aid they did not need – over-valuing it in the process to gain a spurious political credit – and it led also to the deterioration of foodstuffs, particularly dairy products, which the report so graphically highlights.

It is important, however, not to overvalue the policy changes. Although the veto of the EEC's directorate-general for agriculture has been removed, triangular purchases are still the exception. Although more grain and less dairy produce is being dispatched, which does the hungry of the Third World more good but has smaller impact on Europe's farming surpluses, a relatively large proportion of all Community development aid is still geared primarily to disposing of European surpluses rather than providing what the developing world most needs.

A slimmer and totally autonomous aid policy would undoubtedly be of more benefit to the developing world, particularly if it was more carefully directed at situations of genuine emergency and to the poorest people in the Third World. This is the direction in which the Community's aid ministries are clearly pushing, though agricultural policy-makers have still a different view. It is particularly important that those responsible for finalizing the report of the European Parliamentary Committee of Enquiry into the Disposal of Surpluses later this month resolve these differences in favour of the famine-stricken, not the farmers.

But changes in policy are not all that is required. The auditors' report makes clear that the administrative processes are also at fault. The complexity of the food aid regulations and inadequacies relating to inspection, insurance and guarantees are management weaknesses which persist. There is little in the recent changes which pre-empts the auditors' suggestion that simpler procedures are still needed.

Their most telling proposal, is that a single contractor should be responsible for each aid shipment from the point of collection to the final delivery. This contractor would be required to offer performance guarantees from which he would be released only after final checks had been made at the destination. The European Commission is not bound to accept any of the recommendations. It should certainly accept this one.

CATHOLICS AND JEWS

When the Pope gave an audience to President Waldheim of Austria in June, Jewish leaders in Britain and elsewhere gave a veiled warning in reply. They said it would be likely to cause a serious setback for Jewish-Christian understanding – unless the meeting had "positive and tangible" results.

It was never clear precisely what they wanted. But some of them may be prepared reluctantly to agree that the audience has been at least partly vindicated by the Pope's unprecedented – and by all accounts unprecedentedly frank and friendly – meeting with American Jewish leaders on Tuesday. The Pope used an opportunity, originally conceived as an exercise in damage limitation at the time of the Waldheim audience, to demonstrate fellow-feeling for the Jewish people and his horror at the Holocaust. Judging by the reactions expressed by some of them afterwards, he succeeded.

Nonetheless, the whole affair fits into what has become a sad pattern of public squabbles between Catholics and Jews in recent years. There was first a clumsy misjudgement by the Pope or more likely some of his advisers; then a period of public acrimony, misunderstanding and Jewish exaggeration of the scale of the affront; then some gesture of reconciliation and a return of moderate goodwill until the next time. If the frankness of the American Jewish exchanges with the Pope included the remark that this is no way to conduct such a sensitive relationship, it would have been worthwhile for that alone.

There is all the difference in the world between the Pope being briefed by Vatican specialists on Jewish attitudes and hearing them at first hand. What the Waldheim visit did was to offend Jewish feelings, as did the papal beatification of the Jewish convert, Edith Stein, in Holland earlier this year. The fear of offending the feelings of particular interest groups does not rank high as a factor in the Roman Catholic Church's policy-making. Nor should it. But the Jews have every right to be made the exception to this rule. The Pope now appears to have recognized this. Personal contact at the highest level can only serve Jewish interests. Hence the threat to break off such contact, for instance by refusing to meet the Pope when he visits the United States next week, would be wasting an opportunity to turn a promising relationship into a good one.

Pope John Paul II, the Polish Pope, is bound to be seen by the Jews as a representative of East European Catholicism, something they know at first hand from centuries of anti-Semitic treatment which set the malign climate in which the Nazis' Final Solution became thinkable. That is the evil legacy which the Church has to live down, and its words will be judged by its deeds.

The Vatican is already one of the few Western states, if it might be so called, not to extend diplomatic recognition to Israel. It gives as its reason Israel's lack of agreed frontiers, fixed by international treaty. It is also the only one so far to extend the courtesy of a formal reception to the Austrian Head of State, who is seen by many Jews as having been more closely involved with the Nazi war effort than he has admitted. On such evidence does Jewish suspicion of the Vatican feed, and all the more voraciously in the absence of convincing explanations.

It cannot be denied, however, that a remarkable change has taken place since the Second World War in relations between the Jewish community and the Roman Catholic Church. It has been one of the most welcome revolutions of thought in religious history, the reversal of ancient prejudice and hostility. When weighing how much further the process has to go before all wounds are healed, the Jewish community would do well to recall the transformation so far; and not make catastrophes out of upsets.

THE MADONNA OF VOTES

What is Gaullism coming to? The local Gaullist mayor learned that the very loud American *chanteuse*, Madonna, was to appear before a crowd of 100,000 young people and 1,500 riot police and gendarmes at a stadium in the peaceful Paris suburb of Sceaux. Naturally, he banned the event. Whereupon, he was undermined by a fellow Gaullist – the Prime Minister, M. Jacques Chirac, Gaullism's presidential candidate in 1988.

The Prime Minister's daughter, Mlle Claude Chirac, aged 24, and a follower of Madonna, forced her father to try her Madonna records and videos. Even more frighteningly for M. Chirac, "I told him that, if Madonna was not allowed to perform, it would mean depriving young people, Paris and France of a very important musical event". Whereupon, the Prime Minister prevailed upon the Mayor of Sceaux to allow the concert.

It is unclear whether M. Chirac was persuaded by the records and videos or the realization that he or his party might be held responsible for "depriving" 100,000 young people of anything in the year before a presidential election in a country where people receive the vote at 18. In trying to get at the truth, the analyist is confronted with two formidable public relations teams – Madonna's, and M. Chirac's. In the event, M. Chirac took no chances. He gave Madonna a reception in Paris city hall. He said she was "a great and beautiful artist".

It was a parable illustrating the changing nature of Gaullism, or possibly its collapse. Could one imagine de Gaulle intervening to enable 100,000 French citizens to listen to any American, let alone one who had usurped the name of Madonna? He would only have done such a thing, if at all, for Edith Piaf. Admittedly, French intellectuals have always been ambiguous about the differing contributions of the United States to the world. They have tended to denounce America's foreign policy and capitalism, while revelling in her popular culture.

Jazz and Josephine Baker were already intellectually acceptable in the inter-war years. And it was not Anglo-Saxon intellectuals, on the whole, who first discovered artistic *profundity* in old American films. The gnarled Hollywood journeymen who turned the stuff out in the 1940s did not use the term *film noir*, nor did they realise that this was what they were making. They thought they were just making a living. Years later these Americans discovered from French intellectuals – via learned magazines such as Francois Truffaut's *Cahiers du Cinema* – that they had been working in a genre all along.

But French politicians preferred to depict themselves, and their voters, as the embodiment of French civilization. The Madonna incident suggests that this is no longer essential. It is of a piece with the Gaullists' changed attitude to America now that de Gaulle has been safely dead these last 18 years.

Before he became Prime Minister in the *cohabitation* with M. Mitterand last year, M. Chirac's line was that what France needed was a Reaganite economy. Depending on the international standing of the Reaganite economy at the time, that will still be his line in the French presidential election next year.

This loss of official French stuffiness about American pop is a loss to the diversity of national tastes. It also hints at a loss of cultural nerve. Fortunately, M. Mitterrand's views on Madonna are unknown. M. Chirac won the 100,000 young people who descended on Sceaux. M. Mitterrand may have won the equally large number of older voters who live there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abolition of the right to silence

From the Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association

Sir, Professor Zander's strictures (August 26) on the way in which the Government seeks to abolish the right to silence must be right. It cannot be proper to tack on to the coat-tails of the Criminal Justice Bill a provision so fundamental to the English criminal trial and seek to make it law with the minimum of debate and consultation.

If the provision becomes law, instead of the suspect being told he need say nothing, he will be told something like this: "If there is any fact on which you intend to rely in your defence in court, you should mention it now. If you do not, and hold it back, your evidence is unlikely to be believed and this will badly affect your case in general".

Apart from the pressure this warning puts on the suspect to confess or to say something, whether to the point or not, two other points deserve to be made.

First, there is no compulsory tape recording of police interviews with suspects in police stations. Hours and hours of court time are wasted annually in sterile disputes over such interviews, in which the defendant alleges that he has been "verballed" or had admissions invented for him by the police.

This will be compounded in future by equally sterile disputes in which the defendant will allege that he disclosed a fact material to his defence and the police have not recorded it, or "de-verballed" him.

Second, disclosure by the defendant of his defence will shortly become law in serious fraud cases and thereafter is likely to be extended to other cases tried by jury. What better and more justified answer to the new warning than to say "Well, I fully understand, but since I am obliged by law to disclose my defence before the trial, I will wait to see my lawyer first and we will comply with your request later."

The abolition of the right to silence would in other words be of doubtful use in prosecuting the socially competent, whether criminals or not; but could be an engine of oppression against the socially inadequate.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID COCKS, Chairman,
Criminal Bar Association,
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Temple, EC4.

In God's good time

From the Reverend Adam Ford

Sir, Professor Stannard's philosophy (Making sense of God's time, August 22) is falling fast into fatalism. The history of mankind, past, present and future, is already "etched" into reality, he tells us. If this is so then we have no power to choose our future.

The analogy of God as author of history is useful but it can lead us astray. Professor Stannard is surely right when he suggests that God did not merely write the first chapter and then left the others to write themselves (the deists made that mistake). God is involved in the writing in every moment.

But I see no grounds, either in physics or philosophy, for deducing from this that God has already written his final draft of the future. If this was the case then our role would be to sit back passively and listen to the story as it unwinds. The Christian gospel as I understand it gives us greater freedom and greater power.

Yours faithfully,
ADAM FORD,
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Brook Green, W6.

London orchestras

From the Executive Chairman of the South Bank Centre

Sir, I have read with interest Mr Morrison's article on the London orchestral scene (August 28) and find myself in broad agreement with his views.

There are, however, two points I wish to clarify. First, I am not aware of any disagreement on any of these matters within the South Bank management; and second, while the concept of a dual residency might in certain circumstances have been a viable compromise, any chance of reaching all-round agreement on it in the situation created by so much fuss must now be rated close to zero.

Improvements to London's orchestral life are possible even without residencies. Let us not be mesmerised by that term..

Yours faithfully,
R. H. GRIERSON,
Executive Chairman,
The South Bank Board,
South Bank Centre,
Royal Festival Hall, SE1.

Motorway design

From Mr R. D. Anchor

Sir, The letter from Sir Robert Booth (August 26) ably puts the case for not building two-lane sections of motorway on potentially very busy routes.

I recently initiated correspondence in the *New Civil Engineer* on the same subject and was supported by Sir James Drake, lately county surveyor of Lancashire. The problem seems to stem from the advice of the professional designers not being taken.

For instance, the county surveyor of Worcestershire, at the time of construction of the original two-lane M5, is on record as recommending three-lane construction and has been proved correct.

Two-lane motorways are impossible to repair without causing considerable congestion, and are a source of frustration for car drivers, held up by lorries passing each other at a very low relative speed.

A further scandal, not mentioned by Sir Robert, is the series of short stretches of the M25 around Epping where the three-lane road becomes temporarily two-lane at over-bridges.

We need more common sense and fewer traffic surveys. In the 1840s the main railways were built with two tracks although a traffic survey would have demonstrated that one was sufficient.

Yours sincerely,
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Neglect of public rights of way

From the Chairman of the Countryside Commission

Sir, I write to draw attention to one of our most important and most neglected national assets: public rights of way.

More than 120,000 miles of footpaths, bridleways and byways give people access to every corner of the countryside of England and Wales. Exploring them brings enormous pleasure to the urban population as well as to country dwellers. They are a considerable attraction to our overseas visitors, many of whom come from countries with no comparable system.

Yet the rights of way network is in a sad state of neglect. Its maintenance by highway authorities gets low priority. Paths are often obstructed by fences, ploughing and growing crops. In consequence, rights of way are a source of conflict between landowner and user.

But better times may lie ahead. Part of the Countryside Commission's strategy for shaping a new countryside, in the wake of the land use changes now being imposed by food surpluses, is to give higher priority to its enjoyment by the public. Well maintained rights of way are a key ingredient of that enjoyment.

The commission has set as its target the opening up of the whole rights of way network by the year 2000. If we are to succeed, we shall need the help of three key groups.

We ask farmers and landowners to recognise that well maintained rights of way reduce conflict and create an image of responsible custodianship; in this respect, we applaud the leadership given by both the National Farmers Union and the Country Landowners Association.

We are calling on government, both central and local, to recognise the significance of our public paths for local people and their vital importance for the tourist industry, and to be prepared to allocate the commitment and the resources that are needed. And we are encouraging volunteer groups, along with parish and community councils, to look after the public paths in their own areas.

The prize is a rights of way network available for all to respect and enjoy.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK BARBER, Chairman,
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Crescent Place,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
September 1.

Enjoying rivers

From Mr Michael Hughes

Sir, On a fund-raising expedition for our little church here, three of my sons and I recently followed the brook that rises in this parish until it joined the Stour, south of Gillingham, and then launched a canoe in which we followed it to the sea at Christchurch.

Above Wimborne the clarity of the water was a tribute to the farmers and the water board, and the fishermen and riparian users were friendly and courteous. Thereafter more and more treated sewage is poured in, and we were told that to drink a mouthful of river water was to guarantee a few days' illness.

One adjoining channel was so black that I could not see my paddle in the water. Is it really sensible to use our rivers as open pipes to the sea, rather than keeping fresh water and foul separate?

As one neared the sea, the anglers increasingly regarded the river as existing for their sole enjoyment, and one estate insisted that we take the canoe out and carry it by road for three miles so that the fishing should be undisturbed.

Whilst not wishing to spoil their sport, could not some way be devised of sharing the joys of the rivers of England among responsible users a little more widely? We did not meet any other touring canoeists the whole way, and I doubt that allowing passage over England's most ancient arteries would lead to excessive use.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL HUGHES,
Sedgehill Manor,
Nr Shaftesbury, Dorset.
August 28.

Conflict in Sudan

From Mr Neil Winship

Sir, Your editorial, "Who rules in Khartoum?" (August 25), suggests there is little the outside world can offer to strife-torn Sudan except for a lenient line on debt. The recent BBC report (*The World Tonight*, Radio 4) of the massacre of over 200 Dinka in the southern town of Wau suggests, however, that accurate international reporting and informed comment on the civil war is also helpful. After the first long civil war, it was said that friends of the Sudan might have helped towards an earlier settlement, had they spoken out sooner.

We British are to some extent blamed to this day for the persistent difficulties in bringing the diverse elements of north and south together. Our present aid helps to sustain a Khartoum government which has not yet demonstrated by its actions as opposed to rhetoric that it wants to "win hearts and minds" in the south.

Essential aid has not been sent to the starving in time; tribal militias which have been armed to fight against the rebels are reported to have turned against unarmed people; atrocities have not been fully reported and the miscreants have gone unpunished.

It is abundantly clear that neither side has the strength to impose a quick military solution in this vast and sparsely populated country, even if that was desirable. A political accommodation must be reached if the present slide into anarchy is not to continue. That requires trust which can only be built on truth; a facing of facts, however unpalatable.

Prime Minister Sadiq al-Mahdi has been fearful of abrogating Nimeiri's "September laws" – many devout Muslims protest that they are not a true implementation of *Sharia* – in case it upsets sentiment in the north. Surely fundamentalist Muslims must come to realise that if they insist on their interpretation of an Islamic State, the south is likely to rebel for many years to come.

It is to be hoped that our continuing aid and a lenient line on the Sudan's crippling debt is made conditional on human rights, including a proper public account of atrocities when they do occur.

Yours faithfully
NEIL WINSHIP,
Foxlea, Amport,
Andover, Hampshire.
August 25.

Road hogs

From Mr Philip Dunn

Sir, I can confirm Mrs Blundell's observation (August 20) that hedgehogs are learning not to curl up in response to the approach of motor vehicles. Recently, whilst driving near Aylesbury just after dark, I came upon a mature hedgehog crossing a main road into the path of an oncoming car.

To my surprise, the hedgehog didn't falter and kept resolutely to its course, safely reaching the other side. However, as a trustee of the Wildlife Hospitals Trust, with its specialist hedgehog casualty unit, St Tiggywinkles, I am only too well aware of how many hedgehogs have failed to learn this lifesaving lesson.

I did wonder whether the hedgehog I saw might have been a former patient of the hospital which had benefited from our pre-release counselling. Could it be that it is possible to teach old hogs new tricks?

Yours faithfully,
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August 21.

Education poll

Fron Mr J. M. Walpole

Sir, Readers will doubtless interpret the results of this week's Mori poll (report, August 27) according to their personal viewpoints and prejudices. In many cases, the choice has been presented as one between a comprehensive school and a grammer school. Your own headline, "Majority of parents want grammar schools back", adds weight to this myth.

Although most commentators have failed to point this out, a return to a selective form of secondary education would result in secondary modern schools, not grammar schools, for the large majority of pupils – in particular for those whose parents cannot afford to opt out of the state system.

I wonder what the result of the poll would have been if it had been presented as a choice between comprehensive or secondary modern schools, with only a one-in-four chance of securing a grammar school type of education. Even allowing for parents' natural tendency to over-estimate their own children's abilities, I suspect that the result would have been very different.

Yours faithfully,
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Survival class

From Mrs P. A. Mitchell Innes

Sir, After the advent of the young, upwardly mobile Yuppies, and the high-living Dinks (double income, no kids), may I commend an acronym for the senior end of the life-scale, in preference to the dreary-sounding OAP?

Wotcha (wonderful old thing considering her/his age) seems to indicate the verve with which so many in this category manage their lives.

Yours faithfully,
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September 1.

Facts to disprove maths 'decline'

From Mr Arthur De Caux

Sir, I do not wish to detract from the worries expressed by Sir Bryan Thwaites (August 28), following the presidential address of Sir Kenneth Durham to the British Association.

If only they and the nation at large addressed themselves to the shortage of teachers of mathematics, the status accorded to teachers in general and the problems associated with the fact that new industries (including the City) are attracting a far greater proportion than hitherto of people who have always been and remain in relatively short supply.

Instead one fears that in the current climate, statements like "mathematics is disappearing from schools" and "the decline is irremediable in the short term" will simply give more fuel for indiscriminate "school bashing".

Far from being a statistician – indeed, I am almost a member of the "lies, damned lies and statistics" school – I can see no other sensible way of measuring the alleged decline in mathematics. The figures are as follows:

Percentage of age group who attempted GCE/CSE mathematics: 1966, 46.34; 1976, 69.40; 1985, 75. Percentage who obtained a higher grade (GCE A-C CSE Grade 1): 1966, 24.56; 1976, 23.59; 1985, 31.

I must leave it to others more eminent and qualified to demonstrate how what appears to be an improvement is, apparently, a decline.

Yours faithfully,
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August 28.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 3 1877

More than a year after his Bulgarian atrocities speech ("On This Day", August 1, 1985) Gladstone still found the subject a fruitful source of oratory and was at pains to justify what he had originally said. He is addressing 600 members of the Tyldesley and Bedford Leigh Liberal Association who had travelled to his home at Hawarden

MR. GLADSTONE ON THE WAR.

. . . The question of the war in the East, and all that attends it, is a most grievous and painful subject in itself, and one which becomes extremely difficult to deal with on account of the passions that seem to be aroused by it. I have never known a question relating to a foreign country which has taken so strong a hold upon the legitimate interest of the people, and I certainly have never known a question which has excited more of mere passion in the country. (Hear, hear.) I myself receive from day to day many letters commending me far beyond what I deserve upon this question. ("No, no".) I receive also some letters of very fair and just expostulation from people who disapprove what I have done and said, and who argue rationally and in a manner of which there is nothing to be ashamed. I receive, also, a set of letters, the violence and fury – aye, even grossness – of which is hardly to be conceived (cries of "Shame"), and generally containing extracts from newspapers for me to read. (Laughter.) My opinion is that a great number of people who write in newspapers do not know the violence of the passions which they sometimes stir up. (Hear, hear.) But then they say that I am violent myself in this matter. I do not admit it. (Applause.) I have, indeed, used very strong language in this matter. "Not too strong.") But strong language is not necessarily violent language. That which is violent language is language stronger than the subject requires; but when we open the roll of history, when we go back to the atrocious deeds of former times, we are not expected to be mealy-mouthed in speaking of them. Take, for instance, what many of you have read of, the massacre of St. Bartholomew in France 300 years ago. What would you think of me if, in speaking of it, I were to say, "Well, certainly the conduct of the people who committed that massacre was improper conduct"? (Laughter.) I think you would say that I did not take an adequate measure of the enormity and atrocity of their guilt, and that I did not understand the use of language if I did not endeavour to employ it in proportion to the things that they did and the censure they deserved. Well, I have not used one syllable in this controversy from beginning to end except what I stand by. (Cheers.) It was said last Autumn that I used very violent language in the country, and that when I got to the House of Commons I should have to retract it. Did I retract it? ("No, no.") No; but various gentlemen who used violent language about me were good enough to explain and apologize. (Applause and laughter.) It is a matter of pain and grief to me to use this strong language, and I cannot express the reluctance with which I use it . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 2: The Princess Royal. Patron. British Olympic Medical Trust, this morning opened the British Olympic Medical Centre at Northwick Park. Harrow.

Her Royal Highness. President. Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon attended the Association's Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge. London SW1.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 2: The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
September 2: Princess Alexandra. accompanied by the Hon Angus Ogilvy. this afternoon opened the extension to the studios of Grampian Television at Queen's Cross. Aberdeen.

Her Royal Highness travelled to Scotland in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Birthdays today

Miss Pauline Collins. actress. 47; Lord Craigton. 83; Lord Ebbisham. 75; Air Marshal Sir Gerald Gibbs. 91; Admiral Sir David Hallifax. 60; the Rev A. H.H. Harbottle. Chaplain to The Queen. 62; the Right Rev V.S. Nicholls. former Bishop of Sodor and Man. 70; Sir Ronald Prain. metallurgist. 80; Sir Mark Russell. diplomat. 58; M Gaston Thorn. former Prime Minister of Luxembourg. 59; Miss Raquel Welch. actress. 47.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Matthew Boulton, engineer. Birmingham. 1728; Louis Henri Sullivan. architect. Boston, Massachusetts. 1856; Jean Jaurès. Socialist leader. Castres, France. 1859; Sir Frank Burnet. immunologist, Nobel laureate 1960. Traralgon. Victoria. 1899.

DEATHS: Oliver Cromwell. Protector 1653-58. London. 1658; John Rennie. civil engineer. Bengeo, Hertfordshire. 1874; Louis-Adolphe Thiers. 1st president of the Third Republic of France. 1871-73. Saint Germain-en-Laye. 1877; Ivan Turgeniev. Bougival. France. 1883; Eduard Benes. president of Czechoslovakia 1935-38. 1945-48. Sezimovo Usti. 1948; e e cummings. poet. North Conway. New Hampshire. 1962; Louis MacNeice. poet. London. 1963.

The Julian calendar was replaced by the Gregorian in Britain. thereby reckoning this day as Sept 14, 1752. Britain recognised the independence of the USA. 1783. Britain and France declared war on Germany. 1939. The Athenia was sunk by Germany off the coast of Ireland. 1939.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will visit a Courtaulds Textile Group factory at Raymouth Lane. Worksop. Nottinghamshire. at 11.25; and Bassetlaw District General Hospital. Worksop. Nottinghamshire. at 1.05.

The Duchess of York will visit Kings College Hospital. Denmark Hill. at 10.30 to open the *London Evening Standard* Scanning Unit; the Variety Club Children's Hospital out-patients department; and the Belgrave Department of child and family psychiatry.

Reunion

Bryanston School
Bryanston School will be giving a reunion luncheon for pupils and staff who were at the school between 1956 and 1960 on Sunday. October 4. Any Old Bryanstonians of that period who have not received an invitation are asked to write to the Headmaster's Secretary. Bryanston School. Blandford. Dorset. DT11 0PX.

Memorial Service

Dame Ann Springman
The Prime Minister was represented by Sir Peter Lane. Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations. at a memorial service for Dame Ann Springman held yesterday at St George's. Hanover Square. The Rev W.M. Atkins officiated and Miss Sarah Springman. daughter. read the lesson. Sir Patrick Mayhew. QC. MP. gave an address. The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended. Among others present were:

Mr Michael Springman (husband). Captain Paul Springman. Mr Nicholas Springman and Mr Jack Springman (sons). Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Michael Mulloy (brother and sister-in-law). Mr and Mrs John Watson Brown (brother-in-law and sister-in-law). Mrs Kenneth Lambert (sister-in-law). Mrs Douglas Doble. Captain Michael Tufnell. RN. and Mrs Tufnell. Major Timothy Tufnell. Sir Ashley and Lady Martha Ponsonby. Mr Robert Carlos-Clarke. Mr Jeremy Carlos-Clarke. Lady Mayhew. Mrs Geoffrey Mayhew. Mr and Mrs Robin Brackenbury. Mrs Charles Ponsonby. Mrs Rupert Ponsonby. Mr and Mrs Mark Heaton. Lady (Tatton) Brinton. Mr and Mrs Robin Graham. Mr Luke Ponsonby. Miss Amanda Ponsonby.

Lord Johnston of Rockport. Sir David Sells. Dame Pamela Hunter. Dame Shelagh Roberts. MEP (also representing the chairman. European Democratic Group). Sir Basil Feldman. Sir Herbert Redfern and Mr Patrick Lawrence (vice-presidents. National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations) with Dame Joan Seccombe (chairman). Sir Ian MacLeod and Mrs Margaret Fry (vice-chairmen) and Mr Robin Nelder (secretary).

Dorothea Viscountess Chetwynd. Baroness Young. Lady Johnston of Rockport. Mrs Michael Alison. Sir Anthony Garner (director of organization. Conservative Central Office. also representing the chairman. Conservative Party). Sir Brian Warren. Sir Philip and Lady Holland. Dame Simone Prendergast. Sir James and Lady Dunnett. Sir Dennis Titchener-Barrett. Lady (Edgar) Williams. Dame Joan Varley. Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith. MP. Mr Joseph and Lady Christina Hoare. Mr Gordon Hunter. Miss Macpherson of Cluny.

Mr Leon Screene and Mr John V C Claremont (Family Practitioner Committee). Professor Griffith Edwards (Economic and Social Research Council). Mrs P Petrie. Dr W Miller and Mr Hugh John (Department of Health and Social Security); Mrs Anne Fowler (Wokingham Conservative Association). Councillor Mrs Wendy Mitchell (chairman. Conservative Women's National Committee) with Miss P Stoken; Professor Ruth Bowden (Women's National Committee). Mrs Dee Heaps (Women's National Council). Mr Roy Pulford (chairman. Rother District Council. also representing the Brighton. Eastbourne and Hastings Health Authorities). Mrs Margaret Ross (East Sussex Family Practitioner Committee). Mr James Russell (Wessex Area Conservative Associations). Miss Ann Barr (*The Observer*). Mrs Joanne Griffin-Smith (president. Secretaries' and Assistants' Council. House of Commons).

Major Michael Lycett. Mr John Grotrian. Major and Mrs R H C Gales. Mr David Ingram. Mrs David Knapp. Mrs Susan Hewitt. Mr and Mrs Patrick Bartrum. Mr and Mrs Simon Bett. Mr and Mrs William Bett. Miss S Salisbury. Brigadier John Turner. Professor Michael Wise. Mr Jeremy Elwes and Mr and Mrs Alan Smith.

Fettes College

Autumn Term began yesterday with 122 new Fettesians in the school. Mr David Brattle. Mr James Carpenter. Miss Tessa Elder. Miss Rhona Figgis. Mr Angus Urquhart, Mr Ian White and Miss Marianne Williamson have joined the staff. Charles Elliot is head of school and has Kirstie Lloyd and Roderick Brown as his deputies. Gareth Jenkins is captain of rugby and Scarlett Hopking is captain of hockey. Commemoration is on October 3. Chief Constable William Sutherland will deliver the Chenevix-Trench Memorial Lecture on November 8. the concert is on November 28 and the carol service is on December 13. Term ends on December 16.

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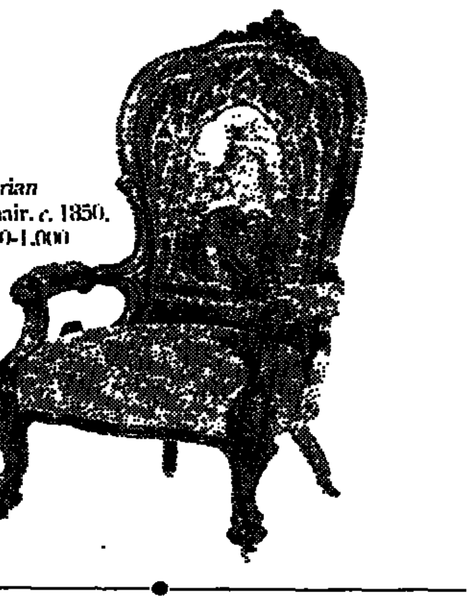

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Horticulture

Small is beautiful

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

The dahlia season is two to three weeks late this year due to lack of sunshine and plants are soft and sappy because of the excessive rain. However. small-flowered varieties have fared well and this was reflected in the National Dahlia Society's annual show, which took place yesterday in Westminster.

There was a marked lack of large and giant blooms, but many quality exhibits of small-flowered varieties, particularly small cactus and semi-cactus, which have the ability of quickly opening their blooms in adverse weather conditions.

An unusual exhibit was a collection of old varieties from David Brown, of Blewbury Dahlias, Blewbury, Oxfordshire. This featured dahlias through the ages, from one of the original species, the small-flowered, lilac *D. merckii* from Mexico which has been used in breeding; "White Aster", a miniature decorative introduced in 1879 and "Tommy Keith", a miniature ball in red and white introduced in 1892; to modern waterlily varieties.

David Brown grows what is believed to be the largest collection of dahlias in the world, containing nearly 2,000 varieties.

The Bentley perpetual challenge trophy for the best trade exhibit was awarded to Tom Bebbington, of Diseworth, near Derby, who was showing a collection of decorative and cactus dahlias. A new cactus variety he is introducing is "Sunray Symbol" in yellow and bronze blends which, like its parent "Symbol", is very easy to grow.

In the championship classes of the competition, D Hewlett, of Hayes, the Society's president, has retained the A T Barnes perpetual challenge trophy which he has held for the past three years. This is for an exhibit of 12 giant decorative varieties. One of his varieties has not been seen on the show bench before: the deep crimson "Zorro".

Other winners of prestige classes, which test the skill of exhibitors, include F Newbury, of Pensford, who gained the E J Widdowson perpetual challenge trophy for 12 varieties of pompon dahlias. This exhibit included the beetroot-purple "Iris", which gained a bronze medal. Mr Newbury also gained the Coronation 1953 cup for the best exhibit of pompons.

The Terry Clarke perpetual challenge cup, for decorative and cactus varieties, has been awarded to Mrs J M Davis, of Adderbury, the first time a woman has won it. Mrs Davis has also won the Crane cup for the best exhibit by a member of the Society. Her varieties included the popular cactus "Salmon Keene", also shown by the Midlands Dahlia Society, of Leamington Spa, who gained the Herbert Brown perpetual challenge cup in the affiliated societies' class.

The Jescot perpetual challenge cup for the best seedling has been won by R E Talbot, of Shipton Bellinger, with a bright, clear yellow small decorative.

The giant decorative dahlia "Hamari Gold" is popular with exhibitors and wins many prizes. The specimen shown by T E Bratcher, of Glastonbury, was judged best giant decorative in the show and gained for him the G F Drayson trophy.

Sale room

Sotheby's bag a few records at Gleneagles

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Sale Room Correspondent

This is the month in the auction world when, as London sleeps, the provinces have their chance to star.

Yesterday, Sotheby's completed their 21st annual sale at Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire, in triumph.

Having started off with the record price of £42,900 for the Duke of Windsor's guns (the estimate for such a set by E J Churchill without such a provenance would be a quarter of that price) they rounded off on Tuesday evening with a series of records for their Scottish and Sporting paintings sale.

Among the plainer fare of partridge, eagle and seagull pictures came the Glaswegian Edward Atkinson Hornel's "A Spring Frolic", a picture of girls at play which fetched the record price of £49,500 (including buyer's premium of 10 percent). Previous records for this artist were in the region of £30,000.

A painting called "Morning in the Studio. Ardilea" by Patrick William Adam, another Scotsman, was sold to the same anonymous telephone bidder who bought the Hornel for £44,000 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000).

Joseph Wolf's picture of a Greenland Gyr-Falcon went for a record of £37,400, and William McTaggart's "Playing on the Moors" went to a private Scottish buyer for £28,000. In all the sale fetched a grand total of £1,633,731, with only 9 per cent bought in.

Meanwhile, Phillips made use of the Bank Holiday by attracting more than 500 people to their first holiday public viewing for their Fine Furniture sale yesterday in Knowle, the Midlands.

Top prices for yesterday's sale included £14,850 for a George III mahogany dining table, and £9,020 for a George III serving table.

Cheryl Fisher, aged 17, purposefully practises her roller-skating. Later this month she intends to skate from John O'Groats to Land's End to raise money to send British disabled athletes to South Korea for the Paralympics in October 1988. Cheryl, of Farnham, Surrey, decided on her marathon skate after her younger sister Nicolette, who has had a leg amputated, was shortlisted for the swimming events at the Paralympics (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Martin Reith to be HM Ambassador to the Republic of cameroon in succession to Mr M J C Glaze, who will be taking up a further Diplomatic service appointment.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Peter Fraser, QC, Solicitor General for Scotland, was host at a reception held last night at the Royal Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, on the occasion of the European Speech Technology Conference at Edinburgh University.

Warminster School

Michaelmas term begins at Warminster School on September 8. with 448 pupils on the roll. Improvements to the sports hall and design centre have been completed. and a new boys' boarding house is to be opened in September 1988.

A memorial service for Mr I.P. Macdonald, Headmaster of the Lord Weymouth School from 1940 to 1958, is to be held in the Minster at 11 am on September 19; this will be followed by a reception in St Boniface Hall. All former pupils are welcome to attend.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.J. Batty
and Miss L. Seluka
The engagement is announced between Michael Batty, of Perranuthnoe, Cornwall, and Lina Seluka, of Tuvalu.

Mr R.P. Cunningham
and Miss E.J. Howard
The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of the late Rev John Cunningham and Mrs Sylvia Cunningham, of Bosham, Sussex, and Emma, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Howard, of Pirbright, Surrey.

Mr S.J. Duff
and Miss F.J. Jefferies
The engagement is announced between Stephen Duff, and Fiona Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs M.E. Jefferies, of Vazon Bay, Guernsey.

Pilot Officer M. Gates
and Miss S.L. Coleman
The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Gates, of Wadebridge, Cornwall, and Samantha Louise, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Coleman, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr N.C. Jennings
and Miss F.C. Noble
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Craig, younger son of Group Captain and Mrs J.T. Jennings, of Brook House, Fontmell Magna, Dorset, and Fiona Catherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.T. Noble, of Hillcrest, Dunure, Ayrshire.

Mr J.M.W. Legat
and Miss P.C. Reed
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs G.R. Legat, of Lonford Lodge, Altrincham, and Penelope, younger daughter of Mr J. Reed, of Dane End, Hertfordshire, and Mrs D. Reed, of Sale, Cheshire.

Mr T.J. Raban
and Miss N.D. Shamash
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Dr and Mrs John Raban, of Beenham, Berkshire, and Nicky, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Shamash, of South Fawley, Berkshire.

Mr A.B. Macdonald
and Miss P. Schwerdt
The engagement is announced between Alastair, second son of Mr and Mrs Robert Macdonald, of Blenheim, New Zealand, and Polly, younger daughter of the late Mr Colin Schwerdt and of Mrs Sue Schwerdt, of Exeter, Devon.

Mr E.G.S. Martyn
and Miss M.F. Owen
The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of the late Denys Martyn and Mrs Paul Adair, of Gilwern, Gwent, and Madeleine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Owen, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire.

Mr S.A. Noble
and Miss J.M. Mitchell
The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Noble, of Bramshaw, Hampshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Mitchell, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr M.R. Norris
and Miss C.M. Vernon-Smith
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of the late Mr P.L. Norris, OBE, and Mrs Norris, of Teddington, Middlesex, and Charlotte, only daughter of Major and Mrs G.T. Vernon-Smith, of Deddington, Oxford, and of the late Mrs K.M. Clarke.

Mr R.B.S. Reid
and Miss N.P. Barclay Jacobs
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Barclay Reid, of Stoneythorpe Hall, Southam, Warwickshire, and Nicola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Barclay Jacobs, of Pitt Place, Epsom, Surrey.

Mr D.A. Roberts
and Mrs C.E. Kearns
The engagement is announced between David Anthony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.K. Roberts, of The Old Dairy, Maugersbury, Gloucestershire, and Carrie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.F. Agar, of The Turret, 92 Frognal, London, NW3.

Dr J.N. Shephard
and Miss S.R.S. Moser
The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr Neville and Dr Mary Shephard, of East Claydon, Buckinghamshire, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Moser, of Reigate, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr P. Lyse Rasmussen
and Miss P.R. Weller
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 22, at All Saints Church, Bisham, Berkshire, of Mr Per Lyse Rasmussen, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Lyse Rasmussen, of Barrit, Denmark, and Miss Penelope Weller, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H.E. Weller, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr P.F. Spencer Moore
and Princess Valli Vsevolode Romanoff
The marriage took place yesterday at the Old Town Hall, Chelsea, between Mr Pat Spencer Moore and Princess Valli Vsevolode Romanoff, widow of Prince Vsevolode of Russia.

Dr J.W. Waterfield
and Fraulein K.J. Kars
The marriage took place on Wednesday, August 19, in the Goldbacher Kapelle, Überlingen am Bodensee, of Dr John W. Waterfield, elder son of Mr and Mrs John P. Waterfield, and Fraulein Katharina Jeannette Kars, only daughter of Herr Jürgen Kars and Frau Karin Kars-Bovensiepen.

Mr R.S. Wolff
and Miss K.S.E. Porter
The marriage took place on August 23, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, between Mr Roswell Wolff, son of Dr and Mrs John Wolff, of Martha's Vineyard and New York, and Miss Karena Porter, daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice Porter, of Broadstairs, Kent.

OBITUARY

PROF ARNALDO MOMIGLIANO

Eminent historian of the Ancient World

Professor Arnaldo Momigliano, hon. KBE, FBA, who died on September 1, at the age of 78, was one of the most influential European historians of his generation, and belonged to that group of exiles from Nazi/fascist persecution who have so profoundly transformed Anglo-American culture.

Although his original training was in the history of the ancient world, his interests broadened to include the history of historical studies and historical method, until he came to be recognized as the most learned and the most universal historian of his age.

Arnaldo Dante Momigliano was born on September 5, 1908, into a prominent Jewish family of Piedmont with strong literary and socialist connections. he was educated at home and at Turin University, where he became the favoured pupil of the Classical historian Gaetano De Sanctis.

Here, he was one of a close group of intellectuals united in their distaste for fascism and love of culture, whose subsequent careers belong to the formation of modern Italy.

In 1929, immediately after graduating, he followed De Sanctis to Rome, where he became one of the group associated with the *Enciclopedia Italiana*. He began his professional teaching career at the age of 24 at Rome University in Greek history. In 1936, he returned to Turin as professor of Roman history, only to be dismissed by Mussolini on racial grounds in 1938.

He then came to England at the invitation of a group of Oxford academics active in assisting persecuted scholars, so avoiding the fate of eleven members of his family who were murdered in concentration camps. He spent the war years in Oxford doing research.

Although reinstated to his Italian professorship after the war, and although he remained an Italian citizen throughout his life, Momigliano preferred to stay in England, and in 1947 was appointed, first, lecturer, and then reader, in ancient history at Bristol University.

In 1951, he moved to the chair of ancient history at University College London, which he held for the next 24 years, until 1975. From 1964 he was also professor at the Scuola Normale Superiore at Pisa.

After his retirement he remained an active writer and teacher, holding Fellowships at Oxford and Cambridge, and spending several months each year as distinguished visiting professor at Chicago.

He held most of the important visiting lectureships in his field, and was awarded many prizes and honorary doctorates, among them the doctorate given to him by Marburg University last year, the first public honour which he felt able to accept from the German culture which he had studied so long.

Momigliano's earliest book, on Maccabees, was published in 1930; his second, in 1932, was a biography of the Roman emperor Claudius; his third, in 1934, was on Philip of Macedon.

The move to England, with the need to master another culture and the crisis of confidence in the meaning of European history, turned him from the book to the essay as a form of communication; his natural quickness of mind and universal interests found full expression here.

In 1963, his collection *The Conflict between Paganism and Christianity in the Fourth Century* established a new period of study for English historians. Of his later books the most important is *Alien Wisdom: The Limits of Hellenization* (1975), which explores the limits of the Greek understanding of foreign cultures as a parable of our own problems in the interpretation of world history.

Momigliano was also the first scholar to take seriously the history of historical studies. In his opinion this was neither a separate discipline nor a frivolous pastime for professionals, but an essential aspect of the study of history.

He was equally opposed to historians who remained imprisoned in the current state of the art and in their own national cultures, and to the newer tendency to view the history of historiography as a suitable subject for study by the non-practising historian or the inexperienced beginner.

But his most important contribution to history lies in the ten volumes of his collected papers entitled *Contributi alla Storia degli studi classici*, which began appearing in 1955; another volume will be published this month.

For it was in the lecture and the seminar that his distinctive combination of immense learning and facility with ideas had most impact. Although his accent always remained impenetrably Piedmontese, he wrote English with an unacademic elegance and wit, and Italian "like an Englishman". These papers offer a unified vision of European culture from its origins in Greece and Judaea to the present day.

They present no general theory of history, for Momigliano respected too much the autonomy of the past to wish to impose general patterns on it; to him, theory belonged with the historian, not the facts. It was this emphasis on the role of the observer in the interpretation of history which was his most distinctive contribution to the study of history.

His teaching followed the continental tradition: he had little time for beginners, and his efforts were directed towards the next generation of scholars.

In Italy, his annual seminar at Pisa became a centre for young historians, attracting audiences of hundreds. None who presented a paper on such occasions will forget the mixture of awe and terror he inspired as he summed up the problem with greater clarity and learning than the speaker could ever hope to achieve.

He was fascinated by ideas, new and old; if, in his later years, he became more insistent on the need to know, and returned to the Jewish traditions of rabbinic learning and exact scholarship, he never lost his delight in argument.

To that generation he seemed the embodiment of history itself. Stocky, scruffy, and of immense vitality, around his person legends abounded.

Momigliano was the archetype of the absent-minded professor, capable of forgetting a dinner to mark his retirement – an act which he himself described as "a triumph of the Id over the Ego". His friend Iris Murdoch based in part her portrait of Peter Saward in *The Flight from the Enchanter* on him.

He was immediately approachable, lacking all pomposity and most of the social graces. Fireworks, though rare, went off with a pleasing bang – as when, acidly, he observed that the natives of Europe were civilized in the nineteenth century, or said: "I have now lost faith in my own theories, but I have not yet acquired faith in the theories of my colleagues".

To those he respected intellectually, especially the young, he was generous to a fault; he would dismiss openly those who did not measure up to his standards. His friends and disciples were devoted to him, but he was capable of quarrelling magnificently and permanently; yet it must be said that he never did so without good cause, personal or intellectual.

He married, in 1932, Gemma Segre, who survives him with their daughter.

MR GEORGE MIKES

Mr George Mikes, Hungarian-born author, died in London on August 30. He was 75.

He will be best remembered as the author of *How to be an Alien: A Handbook for Beginners and More Advanced Pupils*, published in 1946 in an austerity-ridden Britain starving for a laugh. The irony was that it had not been intended to make people laugh.

Mikes, who had arrived a few years earlier as a young Hungarian refugee, had meant it "to hit hard at all the things the British held dear, chapters on tea, cricket, and sex – the shortest in the book, of course". He had expected the nation to rise in wrath.

Instead, apart from his bank manager who fumed "downright impertinence" and threw the book in the fire, the reaction was one of polite amusement. "Rather funny", said *The Times Literary Supplement*. "Worth reading for its own peculiar brand of Slav humour".

Clearly, Mikes had underestimated the British gift of being able to laugh at themselves. He was, thereafter, labelled as a humorist writer.

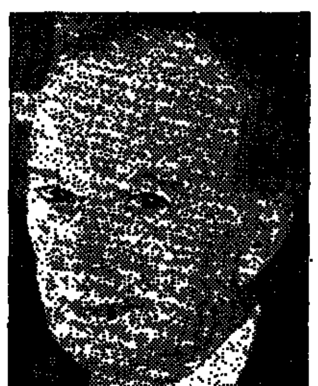
He was certainly a prolific writer, producing about one book a year from the publishing house of André Deutsch, a fellow Hungarian who, in Mikes' youth, was "my brother's little friend who was playing chess and swapping stamps with him".

Deutsch persuaded Nicolas Bentley to illustrate *Alien*, and the book was the firm's first success, going into over 30 editions in almost as many languages. All three worked fruitfully together for many years.

George Mikes was born at Siklós, Hungary, on February 15, 1912, into a non-practising Jewish family. He was never happy with this aspect of his past, and at the age of 17 became a Roman Catholic.

The family moved to Budapest in 1922. Although his stepfather had a large practice in the city, the young Mikes had no desire to become a doctor. Although he wanted to be a journalist, he followed in his real father's footsteps and read law, partly attracted by the fact that attendance at lectures was optional.

While at university he also did some newspaper work as a theatrical critic and turned to journalism full-time once he graduated.



When the Germans marched into Austria in 1938, Mikes, in common with many, awoke to the dangers, but he postponed his departure. In the event, his departure was decided for him and he was despatched to London to cover the crisis following Hitler's invasion of Czechoslovakia. It was to be a two-week assignment; but it lasted a lifetime and he made England his home.

Back in Siklós, with its large Jewish community, many friends and relations perished.

Mikes made his wartime living as a freelance and working for the Hungarian Service of the BBC, where he remained until 1951. An early work was published by Hutchinson in the spring of 1941 entitled *The Epic of Lofoten*. It is a remarkable document composed by Mikes from interviews with young Norwegians taken off the islands by the Royal Navy.

After *Alien* he addressed his "own peculiar brand of Slav humour" to Israel (*Milk and Honey*), to the French (*Little Cabbages*), the Italians (*Italy for Beginners*), the Swiss (*Switzerland for Beginners*) the Australians (*Boomerang*) and the Japanese (*The Land of the Rising Yen*) – in all of which he demonstrates his talent for getting at national character via the apparently innocent and light aside.

But many of his books were far from funny. *The Hungarian Revolution* (1957) is a competent and objective piecing together of the events leading up to the revolution, while *A Study of Infamy* (1959) is an analysis of the A. V. O., the Hungarian secret political police system.

He returned to Hungary in 1970 to shoot a film in the BBC's *One Pair of Eyes* series. The authorities asked him to leave. The production crew, too, left in protest.

On his seventieth birthday, in 1982, he published his autobiography, *How to be Seventy*. He had long since become a naturalized British subject.

In many ways Mikes was more English than the English. He shrank from over-statement and unbridled emotions; he honoured discomfort enough to play tennis out of doors through every winter; and he doted on his cats.

He was a member of Hurlingham Club, where he sponsored an annual tennis tournament for the Mikes Cup, and of the Garrick, where he had a reputation for wry jokes. For all his Englishness, however, one was often aware of a shrewd habitué of a Budapest café just beneath the surface.

He was twice married and leaves a son by his first marriage and a daughter by his second.

Mr C. V. G. Simpson, Lord Mayor of Birmingham in 1968/9, died on August 27. He was 87.

He served in the Royal Marines Light Infantry during the First World War, and in the RNVR in the Second.

He had been a Birmingham City Councillor and an Alderman for many years.

He was also a life member of the Court of Governors of Birmingham University, and president of the city's RN Association and its the RNLI branch, for which he launched a successful appeal for a new lifeboat.

Miss Dorothy A. Cadbury, who died on August 21, aged 94, was a member of the chocolate-making family, who in her youth, worked in their Bourneville factory "with no special privileges". She did, nevertheless, end up with a seat on the board.

She travelled widely in the Quaker cause.

Botany was a life-long interest, and she supplied several rare specimens to the British Museum. She also helped to compile *A Computer-Mapped Flora – A Study of the County of Warwickshire* (1971).

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth: but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.
Joshua 1 : 8

BIRTHS

AHLERS - On September 2nd 1987, to Sarah (née Trickett) and Eric, a daughter, Philippa Kayleigh.

BROOK SHANAHAN - On August 30th 1987, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Sally (née Wagstaff) and Cavan, a son, Charles Rupert Thomas.

CREER - On September 1st 1987 at Torbay Hospital, to Pamela (née Emberton) and Iain, a son, Allister James, a brother for Sarah.

DALY - On August 11th to Lucy (née Walshaw) and John, a daughter, Rebecca Ann, a sister for Robert and Lewis.

FRASER - On August 28th at Guys, to Frances, (née Woods) and Charles, a son, Nicholas James Alexander.

GARNER - On September 1st, to Ann (née Deacon) and Peter, a son, Christopher Warick, a brother for Rebecca and Alexandra.

HOWELL-PRYCE - On August 15th 1987 at Wallingford Community Hospital to Jayne (née Waller) and Bryn, a daughter, Afonwy Mary Angharad, a sister for Huw.

JOHNSON-MARSHALL - On September 1st in Nairobi, Kenya, to Jo and Andrew, a daughter.

LOWRY-CORRY - On September 1st, in Johannesburg, South Africa, to Elizabeth and Charles, a daughter.

MASSEY - On September 1st at St Marys Hospital, Portsmouth, Hampshire to Sandy, (née Nicholls), and David, a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth.

MERCHANT - On August 29th at West Middlesex Hospital, to Fiona (née Hamilton) and Charles, a daughter Rebecca Louise.

MORRIS - On August 25th at Portland Hospital to Juliette (née Gafson) and Jeremy, a daughter, Phoebe Jo.

MOSTOFI - On August 31st 1987, to Sohila (née Tasdighi) and Ali Mostofi, a son, Hormuz.

NAISH - On August 20th to Linda and Christopher, a son, Timothy John, a brother for James.

OSBORN-JONES - On August 25th, to Anthea and Timothy, a son, Rupert Alexander, a brother for Katie.

PAIN - On August 9th, 1987, to Heather and David, a daughter, Sophie Victoria.

PARKER - On August 29th at the Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge to Margaret (née Docherty) and Mike, a son, James William.

PETERS - On August 10th to Lindsey (née Hawker) and Simon, a son, Thomas Bradley Trevenen, a brother for Lucy.

PILLING - On August 28th at Shirley Oaks Hospital to Linda, (née Kay), and Nicholas a son, Christopher Gordon, a brother for Rafe and Sebastian.

PYE - On August 23rd to Caroline (née Wilkinson) and Hugh, twin daughters, Olivia Caroline and Victoria Catherine.

SAMPSON - On September 1st, to Louise (née Dickinson) and Simon, a son.

SHERRY - On 29th August 1987, at St Thomas Hospital, London, to Lorraine (née Philip) and Michael, a [illegible] Hannah Mary) and two sons (Felix Iain Philip) (Benedict James Philip), a sister and two brothers for Rachel and Nicola.

STRANESCU - On September 1st, a daughter to Iolanda (née Costide) and Dan, a sister for Christina and Natalie.

WEST - On August 31st 1987, to Lucy (née Phillips) and Colin, twin daughters, Eleanor Rose and Charlotte Hannah.

WHARTON - On August 31st at Church Farm, Bitton, Bristol to Teresa and Richard, a daughter, Isabel, a sister for Rebecca and Jonathan.

MARRIAGES

ADAMS-PRIESTLEY - On Friday August 28th 1987, at St Columbanus Church Bangor, Co Down, Jonathan of Hatfield, Hertfordshire to Heather Amanda of Craigavad, Co Down.

BIDGOOD-CORBIN - On September 1st in [illegible], of John Bidgood and Joanna Corbin.

HARDING-HARKNESS - On September 1st, Anthony John (Tony) Harding of Bateman Mews, Cambridge, to Christine Colliart Harkness of Cotswold House, Woodbury, Exeter.

DEATHS

ARCHARD - On August 29th, peacefully, Barbara Joan Archard (née Stevens) of Westcliff-on-Sea, aged 68 years.

BARNES - On August 31st, Geoffrey Philip Barnes O.B.E., of Bidborough, aged 57. Service at Bidborough Church on Tuesday September 8th at 2.30pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Motor Neurone Disease Association, 31 St Lawrence Avenue, Bidborough.

BARRACLOUGH - On August 29th peacefully at Thamesfield Nursing Home, Henley-on-Thames, Hilda aged 78 years. Dearly loved mother of Shirley and Carole and loving granny of Tracy, Melanie, Guy and Sally. Family funeral service at Reading Crematorium on Friday, September 4th at 3.30pm. Donations may be sent to The British Diabetic Association, 10 Queen Anne Street, W1.

BEALE - On August 29th at Pembury Hospital aged 82 Evelyn Marian widow of Clive. Much loved mother of Alison and Barbara, grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 3.30pm on Monday, 7th September. Family flowers only, but donations maybe sent to Pembury Hospital Scanner Appeal, Pembury, Kent.

BELL - On August 27th 1987 at Syward Road, Dorchester, Dr. W.A.G. Bell, GP, aged 84 years, beloved father of John, Peter, Philip and Timothy. Funeral at St. George's Church, Fordington, Dorchester, Friday, 4th September at 3.00pm. Family flowers only to Woods (Dorchester) Ltd, 11a Icen Way, Dorchester.

BLACKWELL - On August 31st, 1987, at Trowan Farm, James Hay, beloved husband of Anne and father of Catherine, John, Charles and Mary. No letters please. Requiem Mass at 11am, at St Fillans Church, Ford Road, Crieff, on Friday September 4th. Donations to the Cheshire Homes. Rest in Peace.

BOLTON - On August 29th 1987, peacefully in a Northamptonshire nursing home, Thomas Tertius Bolton aged 93 years and formally of 5 Studland Court, Marlborough Road, Bournemouth, beloved and precious husband of the late Bertha Corysande Bolton. Funeral service Monday September 7th at 11 am at Bournemouth Crematorium. Flowers and enquiries may be sent to Deric Scott, Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 755 Christchurch Road Bournemouth 34311.

BOSMAN - On August 26th 1987, in Paris, Terry. Funeral service on Monday 7th September at St. Catherine's, Heathfield, Sussex, at 2.30 pm, followed by burial at St. Mary's, Warbleton, Sussex. Flowers or donations to Cancer Relief, c/o David Bysouth, Funeral Directors, Hailsham Road, Heathfield, East Sussex.

BOSTON - On August 30th, peacefully in a London Nursing Home, Irene, widow of Greville, 7th, Baron Boston. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Tuesday 8th September at 2.30pm. Enquiries and flowers to Kenyon's, 74 Rochester Row SW1, Tel: 01-834 4624.

BROMLEY On August 30th 1987 after many years of illness courageously borne, Vincenzina (Vicki) of Romagna, Mulberry Close, Woking, Surrey, aged 64 years, loving and much loved wife of Ken, mother of Peter, Kenneth and Michael, mother-in-law of Alison, Tricia and Ali, and devoted grand-mother of Christopher, Thomas and Matthew. Private cremation in Woking on Friday September 4th at 1.30pm. All enquiries and flowers to Woking Funeral Service, 119 Goldsworth Rd, Tel: Woking 61784.

BROOKER - On August 31st, 1987, peacefully at home, William George, aged 78 years, of Haywards Heath, Sussex. Dearly beloved husband of Irene and much loved by his family and friends, will be sadly missed by all. Cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Tuesday, September 8th at 2pm. Donations if desired to the Salvation Army, c/o R.A Brooks & Son, 35 Wivelsfield Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

CHRISTY - On August 29th 1987, peacefully at Huntingdon, Ronald Kington Christy C.B. aged 82 years. Chief Inspector of Factories, retired. Funeral service at Cambridge Crematorium Chapel on Tuesday 8th September, at 12.30 pm. No flowers by request, donations to The Civil Service Benevolent Association.

CLARKSON - On August 31st 1987 peacefully at St. Anthony's Hospital, North Cheam, after a short illness, Ivie Una (Heather) aged 77, much loved sister, wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Monday, September 7th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

CLEGG - On August 28th, in a Worthing nursing home, after a prolonged illness bravely borne, John Atherton Clegg Ph.D. F.Inst. P. F.R.A.S. Beloved husband of the late Marjorie Eileen. Enquries to Dillistone Funeral Service. Tel: 0903 200835.

CLOUD - On 29 August 1987 at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst after a short illness aged 94, Cedric Charles husband of the late Katherin Cloud. Funeral mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hazlemere at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 9 September, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Cats Protection League, 17 Kings Road, Horsham, Sussex. Enquiries G. M. Luff, Hazlemere 3824.

COLERIDGE - On September 1st, peacefully at Blandford Hospital, Ursula, wife of the late Hon. James and mother of Sara and Syndercombe. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Piddlehinton, near Dorchester at 3 pm on Tuesday September 8th. Flowers and enquiries to Mr. R.B. Close, 13 Salisbury Street, Blandford. Tel. Blandford 53133.

COLLINS - On Friday August 28th 1987, after an illness borne with great courage, Edward (Ted), at home, Tudor Lodge, Dulwich. Dearly loved husband of Julia and adored father of Michael and John. Private funeral service on Monday September 7th at 3.00 pm. Flowers to A. Yeatman & Son, 384 Norwood Road, London SE27. A unique human being: loved by all who knew him.

CORY-WRIGHT - On August 31st 1987, peacefully at his home Mackerye End, Hertfordshire, Douglas C.B.E., aged 85. Beloved husband of Peggy and father of June, Marigold and Cleone. Service of Thanksgiving at 3.00pm on Tuesday, September 8th at St. Helen's Church, Wheathampstead. Flowers to Phillips, 68 Alma Road, St. Albans. Tel: 0727 511006.

COWLES - On August 25th, peacefully at Charterhouse, London, Harold Hookway, artist, aged 90 years. Funeral Service on Friday 4th September at the Golders Green Crematorium at 10.50 am.

DOXFORD - On September 2nd 1987, Kathleen Vasey of Alderdene House, Lanchester, Co. Durham, aged 96. Cremation at Durham on Friday, 4th September 1987 at 3.00pm. No flowers or letters.

DUNN - On 30th August, 1987 after a short illness in Dorking hospital, Major Frank John Dunn, devoted husband of the late Phyllis, father of Jeanne and Judy and Grandpa of Andrew. Member of the Honourable Artillery Company since 1924, served 1939-1945 RASC. Enquiries to Sherlock and Sons. Tel: Dorking 882266.

FAGAN - On Monday August 31st, as a result of a motor accident Lieutenant Christopher Hugh Tarleton Feltrim B.Sc., Grenadier Guards. Beloved eldest son of Christopher and Mary and brother of Jamie. Funeral at All Saints Church, Deane, Nr. Basingstoke on Monday 7th September at 12.00 noon. Enquiries to (0256) 780591 or to Alexander and Dry (0256) 473771.

FAKTOR - On August 28th, 1987, suddenly aged 56, Professor Marc Marian, born Czestochowa, Poland. Will be remembered with love and affection by his family, friends and colleagues. Prayers will be held at home at 8 pm on Thursday 3rd September. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

GARDENER - On August 31st at The Pilgrims Hospice Canterbury, Pamela White, much loved wife of Bill and mother of Guy, Kate, Toby and Victoria. Funeral Friday September 4th, 2 pm Hastingleigh Church. Garden flowers only please and any donations to the Hospice.

GOLDS - On August 22nd after a long and courageous battle, Douglas, beloved husband of Ellen and father of Peter, Terry and Michael. Father-in-law of Carol and grandfather of Jay and Emma.

GRIFFITH - On August 31st, 1987 at St. Anthony's Nursing Home, Wimbledon, Joan, widow of Roland, sister of Enid, and beloved aunt of Ruth, Monica and David. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium at 12 noon, Tuesday 8th September.

HOLDRON - On September 2nd, peacefully at Throwleigh Lodge Nursing Home, Woking, Mary Audrey Phoebe. Beloved aunt and friend to so many. Cremation private. No flowers. Memorial Service at St Peters Church, Eaton Square, London SW1, on Thursday 24th September at 11.30am.

MIKES - On August 30th at St. Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, after a long illness, George. Sadly missed by his son Martin, daughter-in-law Denise, daughter Judy, son-in-law Simon and grandchildren Alex, Harry and François. Family funeral.

MOORSOM - On August 31st, peacefully at home at Rogate, Sussex, Ann, beloved mother of Diana, Christopher, Sasha, and grandmother of Benedict, Emma, Jason, Lucy, Isabella, Lucinda, Consuelo, Cintamani and Toby. Funeral on September 4th at 2.30pm at Terwick Church, Rogate. No flowers please.

MYERS - On August 28th, suddenly, Antony William, dear husband of Anne, much loved father of Rupert, Alexandra, the late Charles and Julian. Cremation private. Memorial service and interment of ashes on Monday, September 7th, 2.30pm at Seal Saint Lawrence Church, Seal Chart, Nr Sevenoaks, Kent. Donations if desired to Hospice at Home, Michael Tetley Hall, Sandhurst Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

NEILL-HALL - On August 24th, at home, Rachel Mary (née Neill-Fraser), widow of the late Major William Ernest, beloved mother of William and Peter and devoted grandmother of Alice, Edmund and Jack.

PARAMESH - On August 29th 1987, Alexander, much loved son of Ajit and Marie-Claire. Donations if so desired to the Foundation for the Study of Infant Death, c/o 4 Grosvenor Place, London SW1.

PHILLIPS - On August 31st, 1987, at home, 6 Marlborough Court, Falmouth, Cornwall, James Frederick, aged 56 years. Loving father of Anthony and Jennifer, dearest brother of John and Enid. Donations if desired to Multiple Sclerosis Society c/o Funeral Directors, W.J.Angove and Sons, 28 Wellington Terrace, Falmouth, Cornwall TR11 3BN.

POLLINGTON - On September 1st 1987, Elisabeth, Viscountess Pollington, eldest daughter of the Sixth Earl and Countess of Verulam. Funeral 2.30 pm, Wednesday, September 23rd at St Michael's Church, St Albans. No flowers, but donations if desired may be sent to The Forrester Fund for St Michael's Church, C/O, The Secretary, Gorhambury, St Albans, Herts. AL3 6AH.

RILEY - On September 1st 1987, peacefully, Michael John FRCP, aged 51 years, of 40 Gladstone Street, Kibworth, Leicester. Formerly of the University of Zimbabwe. Loving husband of Kay, dear father of Michelle, Sean and Kevin and beloved brother of David. Service Market Harborough Roman Catholic Church, Tuesday September 8th at 11.30am, followed by private cremation. No flowers. Donations if desired for L.O.R.O.S. 11 Welford Road, Leicester.

ROGERSON - On Friday 28th August, suddenly at Guildenhurst, Billingshurst, John, much loved father of Valda and wonderful grandfather to Alastair, Euan and Alexandra. Funeral private. Family flowers only; donations, if desired, to the Injured Jocky's Fund, PO Box 9, Newmarket, Suffolk. Memorial Service details to be announced later.

ROSENTHAL - On August 29th, peacefully at Mountbatten Nursing Home, Taunton, resident of Hampton Court Palace, Sarah Agnes (née McKinstry) known as Susan, Lady Rosenthal, formerly wife of the late Maj. James Rosborough, R.I. Rifles and mother of Maureen (deceased) and Capt. Colin Rosborough (deceased), Parachute Regiment, grandmother of Julia Billingham, great grandmother of Vanessa and Henry Sanderson, widow of Maj. Gen. Sir Charles Rosenthal K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., who served at Gallipoli, was administrator of Norfolk Island 1937-1945 and a Member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales. Lovingly remembered by family and friends. Funeral service Friday September 4th at 12.30pm at Randalstown, OC Presbyterian Church, Randalstown, followed by interment at Dundonald Cemetery, Belfast. Enquiries and flowers to Browns of Belfast, Newtownards Road, Belfast.

STEVENSON - On August 26th 1987, Charles Francis at home in Morden, Surrey. Greatly missed.

STEVENSON - On September 1st, 1987, peacefully in London, Kenneth Wilson (Steve), of La Croix, de Javernaz, Villars, Switzerland. Dearly loved husband of Sandy. Beloved father of Georgina and Kate and grandfather of Edward. Funeral at South London Crematorium, Rowan Road, Streatham Vale, SW16, on Monday 7th September, at 10am.

THOMPSON - On Monday 31st August 1987, Adam Venmore Thompson F.F.A.R.C.S., St Mary's Hospital. Aged 29 years. Only son of Peter and Jean and brother of Rosemary and Sarah, and friend of Clare. Private cremation. Memorial service at All Saints Church Lindfield, Haywards Heath, Sussex on Monday 7th September at 3.30pm. No flowers. Donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place London W1.

WELLS - On August 28th, peacefully, Diana Katherine, dearly loved wife of the late Lt. Col. John Wells, Somerset Light Infantry (P.A.), and mother of Peter and Caroline. Funeral service at Rodden Church, Frome. On Friday September 4th at 2.15 pm. No mourning, family flowers only. Donations, if wished, for the Chest, Heart and Stroke association or The British Red Cross Society C/O W. Adlam & Son, 68/70 Locks Hill, Frome (0373 62544).

WHITE - On September 1st, 1987, at his home Oakbank, Falkland, Thomas Alexander White, M.B., Ch.B., greatly loved husband of Betsy and father of Stewart and Jane. Service in Falkland Parish Church on Friday September 4th at 12.15pm, to which all friends are invited. Private cremation thereafter. Family flowers only.

WILBERFORCE - On August 29th, at home at Walton-On-The-Naze, suddenly but peacefully in his 81st year, Arthur Carl (Wilber) dear husband of Muriel and loved and loving father and grandfather. Funeral service in the Parish Church on Friday September 4th at 9.45 am, followed by cremation at Weeley Crematorium. Donations if desired to the Walton-On-The-Naze branch of the R.N.L.I., care of P G Oxley Ltd, 47 High Street, Walton-On-The-Naze, Essex.

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Science report

Checking gaps in the rain forest

By Gareth Huw Davies

Scientists have begun a long term experiment in a South American rain forest which could still be under way 100 years from now.

The study involves discovering how the rain forest copes with artificially-created gaps in the canopy.

Its importance lies in the fact that if it can be shown that foresters can create gaps without causing irreparable damage, then forests could be cropped on a sustainable basis, instead of being clear felled.

Timber could then be harvested in amounts which the forests can replace naturally.

Despite its dense closed structure, the forest is in fact a mosaic of gaps of different sizes being closed by trees at different stages of growth. Little is known about how these naturally occurring gaps are refilled.

About 1,000 trees in seven plots ranging from 21 feet by 21 feet to 150 feet by 150 feet have been tagged, surveyed and identified in the experiment in the driest area of the lowland evergreen rain forest at Maraca island in North Brazil.

Soil, litter and seed samples were taken in the plots. The trees were then felled and left in place to decay. The scientists also tagged 5,000 tree seedlings found in the gaps and will follow their progress.

The project is being led by Dr John Proctor of the Department of Biological Science at Sterling University with two British and three Brazilian scientists, funded by the Overseas Development Agency.

The first census of the plots will take place next January. The researchers will be looking at physical and chemical changes in the plots, in vegetation, soil, litter and insects, and to what extent nutrients which will help pioneer trees are released by the cutting.

Dr Proctor said he expects different ranges of species to colonise the gaps in succession for the first 25 years. Pioneer vegetation such as balsa might grow in them, followed by a different wave of species lasting for 60-100 years and a further wave lasting from 100 to 500 years by the end of which time the plots will have reverted to something like primeval forests.

"We certainly hope they can be kept going beyong the lifetime of those involved in present" said Dr. Proctor.

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ROBERTS formerly Desforges. Edward James Roberts formerly Edward James Desforges late of 112 Arena Road, Bromley, Kent died at Sydenham, London SE26 on 19th May 1987
(Estate about £47,000)
Edward Harold Desforges is requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

SAMPSON nee Campbell. Margaret Elizabeth Sampson nee Campbell, widow late of 5 York Road, Newbury, Berkshire died at Reading, Berkshire on 21st February 1986
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The Companies Act, 1985
and
The Insolvency Act 1986
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I, Raymond Hocking, FCCA of Messrs Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DH, have been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company. All debts and claims should be sent to me
Dated this 26th day of August 1987
R HOCKING
LIQUIDATOR

THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO 008404 OF 1986
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I, CLIVE RICHARD SHERLING, FCA of Arthur Andersen & Co., 1 St. John's Gate, Valpy Street, Reading hereby give notice that I have been duly appointed Liquidator of the estate of the above company
All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the company must deliver them to me and all debts due to the company must be paid to me
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CR SHERLING
LIQUIDATOR

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
of
PERIPHERAL SOLUTIONS LIMITED
SYMBIOTIC COMPUTER SYSTEMS LIMITED
THE PERSOL GROUP LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT BY RESOLUTIONS OF THE ABOVE NAMED COMPANIES HELD ON THE 21st August 1987 IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:
The company cannot by reason of its liabilities continue its business and that Mr Ian Peter Phillips FCA of Arthur Andersen & Co of P O Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2 be appointed liquidator
M Chandler
Chairman

IN THE MATTER OF
PERIPHERAL SOLUTIONS LIMITED
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THE PERSOL GROUP LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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IAN PETER PHILLIPS, FCA, Liquidator
24 August 1987

THE ARTS

Fishing smack

"You get to the stage where if you've been swept overboard and back a few times you say, well, the sea doesn't want him", said the wife of one of the former deep-sea trawler fishermen in *People to People: Fish 'n' Ships* (Channel 4).

Fishing does not automatically spring to mind as one of the most dangerous professions, but the real possibilities of a husband's or father's death at sea both haunted and to some extent fuelled the Grimsby community. Since one fisherman died every eight days the odds on it being your man one day must have been far from negligible. For most of Grimsby's families, that fear has now disappeared, along with the entire deep-sea trawling business.

TELEVISION

Life used to be trick or treat. Listening to the reminiscences of a couple used to a world where the man of the family will turn hero for a few days each month, flush with pay and ready to enjoy himself before the next trip on the North Sea, it was apparent that the relative physical security of life on land was no substitute for the old thrills. Not only has the pattern of life been disturbed but for many there is the new insecurity of unemployment or the tenuous substitution of inshore fishing, which often fails to cover cost of the trip.

It was a fascinating film which managed to convey how the pull of the sea was more to the Grimsby families than just a way of earning a living and one which will never be replaced by work in the local fish-finger factories, now fed with imported fish from Iceland, Holland and Denmark.

Wish You Were Here . . . ? (ITV) whisked Anneka Rice around the world in 23 days, a feat which was made possible by turning the globe into a giant theme-park. Disneyworld had nothing on it. She visited the Pacific world for a quick Polynesian cabaret, the Asia world of Singapore for an £8 tour of the city after dark and the Rocky Mountain world to peek over the railings at Buffalo Bill's grave. It was surprising that they missed out on Shamoo the Killer Whale at Seaworld when they breezed into San Diego.

Alexandra Shulman

After the bombing: Sebastian Rice-Edwards as the resilient young hero and Sarah Miles as his mother in *Hope and Glory*

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Neville Chamberlain has declared war against Hitler so many times in British cinema that it comes as a mild shock to find John Boorman, one of the most adventurous British directors, wheeling out the same radio broadcast in the opening minutes of **Hope and Glory**. But I cannot think of any other filmed memory of September 3, 1939, that includes a nine-year-old lad — the director's surrogate — playing in the garden with Arthurian toys (a knight on horseback and a Merlin-like magician). Close-ups of these tin figures in the shrubbery serve as the director's calling-card; they might also be a pledge that this war memoir will avoid stereotypes and soar, like past Boorman films, into the realms of myth and poetry.

At times, indeed, the film does. Boorman may have consciously planned *Hope and Glory* as a relaxing home-grown venture after the trials of *The Emerald Forest*, but the outcome retains a good deal of visual panache. Much action centres on a huge outdoor set of suburban Rosehill Avenue, where Boorman's family, rechristened Rohan, live — a crescent of semis increasingly pockmarked by gnarled mounds of debris as the London blitz thunders on. Boorman and his cameraman Philippe Rousselot pounce on the Home Front's surreal side: gas-masked children rehearsing mathematical tables; a rogue barrage balloon drifting beautifully over the roof-tops. The tedious monochrome of many British war films, the visual equivalent of the stiff upper lip, has been triumphantly eradicated.

Hope and Glory is also distinctive for capturing the sense of folk memory, of stories told and retold about the day that father joined up, or came home with a can of German jam. This anecdotal spirit brings punch to individual sequences, though it hardly enhances the overall structure or the characters' sense of identity. After motley episodes concerning Boorman's surrogate playing over rubble and his elder sister's dalliance with a Canadian soldier, the home is bombed and the family decamps to the mother's parents in a cosy Thames-side house. We received no hint that the family had this comfortable background, yet here we spend almost half the film, with an irascible grandfather capering too heartily, cricket on the lawn and the hovering spirit of *Mrs Miniver*. The Arthurian toys never promised this.

Actors bringing Boorman's war to life include Sebastian Rice-Edwards, an unaffected, resilient young hero; Sarah Miles, rather blank as the mother; Sammi Davis, nicely surly as the teenager growing up quickly; and Ian Bannen, all hammer and tongs as grandfather. They make a motley bunch, but then *Hope and Glory* ultimately seems a motley film — finely-crafted, certainly shot with a bold eye, yet in need of a stronger argument and personal stamp.

You would have thought Hollywood had made enough "big" films — there are *The Big Parade*, *The Big Sleep*, *The Big Sky*, even *The Big Hangover* and *The Big Lift* —but this week throws up two more: *The Big Easy* and *The Big Town*. Both use American cities as backdrops: New Orleans is known among intimates as the "big easy", while *The Big Town* describes Chicago in the 1950s.

The Big Easy starts encouragingly with a flurry of quirks. "Hey, who's the dead meat?" cries Dennis Quaid's cocksure police lieutenant as he runs across a prostrate body in a piazza fountain — first casualty in a lively gang-war reaching high into police echelons. The director Jim McBride responds well to New Orleans' brash amorality, and he sends Dennis Quaid pirouetting through scenes with a restless energy recalling Richard Gere in his remake of *Breathless*. But Daniel Petrie Jr's and Jack Baron's script shackles everyone to so many clichés, from the uptight lady Assistant DA (Ellen Barkin) to Quaid's noble habit of spending kickbacks on his younger brother's tuition fees. By the end, credible characters have been sacrificed to the conventional tricks of a routine thriller; which is a pity, for *The Big Easy* had the potential to fly higher.

Dennis Quaid's insouciance finds a studied counterpart in Matt Dillon's performance as the dice-shooting lad from the sticks making his way in **The Big Town**. His forehead wrinkles with cheeky self-assurance as he sends the dice bounding or lets loose a wisecrack; a cigarette dangles, Bogart-like, from the lips. Yet throughout we sense more a pose than a person, and the script, wandering like a lost sheep, gives him little support.

Much of this Chicago is actually Toronto, but Ben Bolt, the British director making his Hollywood feature début, creates a convincing maze of neon lights and tawdry glamour, considerably aided by Ralf D. Bode's dark, sharp-edged photography. Tommy Lee Jones, as Chicago's reigning dice king, plays his scenes with a frightening satanic edge; Diane Lane vamps enthusiastically as his errant wife, to whom Dillon takes a shine. But nothing builds, nothing holds; as with *The Big Easy*, what price atmosphere when the script is bent on dissipation?

"Bob's really nice, isn't he?" the Bradford teenager Rita says to her bosom pal Sue in **Rita, Sue and Bob Too.** He is not at all nice, though George Costigan plays the reprobate philanderer with a certain brusque charm. Rita and Sue are his baby-sitters and, in noisy snatched moments, his lovers. The film, based on two plays by a young Bradford writer, Andrea Dunbar, pursues their affairs with huge good spirits, an oblique eye on depressed social conditions and a tiresomely narrow range of jokes. The director Alan Clarke wastes no time on stylistic fripperies and faces the vulgarities head on; the girls themselves, Siobhan Finneran and Michelle Holmes, respond with unquenchable gusto.

Geoff Brown

A nasty little story masterfully told

OPERA

Salome
Coliseum

Donald Cooper

Josephine Barstow: superbly explicit, manic disintegration

English National Opera's season has opened with a taut and compelling display of ensemble opera. Mark Elder, who has conducted every performance of Joachim Herz's *Salome* production, now directs this score with rare authority; and Herz's return to supervise this revival pays dividends in terms of dramatic tension and stage detail. Herz has also courageously refused to tamper with those aspects which proved controversial in 1975. He is right; this staging makes perfect sense (though a score such as Strauss's does not ultimately appeal to reason).

The "making public" of the tragedy — from the eavesdropping of nervous slaves in early scenes, to a staging of the Veil Dance with a supporting cast of thousands — not only adds verifying colour to the crucial atmosphere of moral turpitude. It also universalizes what is otherwise a very claustrophobic story of a little girl's perversion. Herz, as well as Jokanaan, wants to tell us that the end of the world is nigh (or at least the end of *one* world); that is why the entire court, minus Herod and Salome, don monkish hoods and walk out of reality in the boldly expressionist gesture which almost ends this production.

It makes sense, too, that *this* Salome should expire, not be killed. Herod is portrayed (superbly, by Stuart Kale) as such a blustering moral weakling that it is inconceivable that he would order his stepdaughter's death on his own initiative; while Josephine Barstow's Salome traverses such an awesome gamut of emotion in such swift progression that death (if hardly "of natural causes") does seem credible. And yet one's gut feeling is that this opera needs its final brutality.

One cannot imagine this production functioning without Barstow's superbly explicit disintegration from petulant nymphet into an inner mania of blackness and bewilderment. Her dance, immaculately controlled, managed to say something above the usual erotic level: it implied a self-degradation which prepared for the derangement she so convincingly conveyed (notably by an eerie half-voice) in the final scene. The price of the dance may be the Baptist's head, but with it goes this Salome's mind too.

Barstow's vocal limitations — weak chest register, poor diction — are small matter; she also supplied much icily thrilling tone. And Norman Bailey is a Jokanaan of equal dramatic stature: a marvellously rock-like portrayal, injecting growling anger into his responses to Salome. Felicity Palmer's Herodias is a frightening apparition, stony and shrill (surely she could have secured Jokanaan's execution months ago). Edmund Barham makes an effectively inoffensive, good-toned Narraboth: and there is a notably well-sung Herodias's Page from Annemarie Sand.

Mark Elder occasionally allows pit to overwhelm stage; but in general the glorious orchestral sound, the precise ensemble and the seemingly instinctive way in which Elder shapes this music's turbulent course, while delineating its exotic incidentals, is exemplary.

Richard Morrison

Bare cunning

CONCERTS

BBCSO/Atherton
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Shostakovich's "Leningrad" Symphony has rarely seemed less comfortable. When Henry Wood conducted its London première in June 1942, the critic Ernest Newman mocked the work's "longitude and platitude". David Atherton's Prom performance, 45 summers on, made that jibe seem barely credible.

His secret seemed to lie in a determination to strip the work of its accretions of retrospective "meaning" in order to lay bare the cunning of its compositional technique. In the end, of course, its "programme" seared its way into the consciousness more keenly than ever before.

Not for him a long narrative perspective of war and peace: the advancing march worked on the nerves as subtly as Ravel's *Bolero*, with snare-drum pattering like distant rain, flawlessly shaped flute solos and the most finely judged weight in every down-bow. Atherton showed both the BBC Symphony Orchestra and his audience that there was no need to pull out the stops: timing and placing were all, and Shostakovich had looked after it well enough.

The symphony's sense of mourning, for a world in which humanity may still have been possible, was rediscovered by similar means. It was the fragility of the writing itself in the second movement — the broken pizzicato, the constantly interrupted dance metre — to which Atherton drew our attention. And it was the nature of Shostakovich's melody which he emphasized in the third: as pure in its conception as plainsong, with the pitch-level of each unison entry precisely calculated to jar the nerves as disquietingly as if it were discord.

It was a performance which breathed a complete and rare confidence in the work itself; something of which I remained unconvinced in the second and larger concert suite from Bartók's *Wooden Prince* with which the evening had begun.

Hilary Finch

Endymion/ Bawden
Elizabeth Hall

Only one work of great moment, Harrison Birtwistle's *Tragoedia*, was given in an unadulterated version in this concert, another of Birtwistle's own selections. Many others survived their various treatments well, but not the arrangements of music by Pérotin, originally composed about the turn of the 12th and 13th centuries for Notre Dame Cathedral. Perhaps this music was too distant for 20th-century meddlings to succeed.

Judith Weir's explanation of her version of *Sederunt principes*, scored for mixed resources, possibly revealed as much by volunteering the opinion, in effect, that little happens in the original. She attempts to compensate by making it fast and light, and exaggerating the features she notices, such as the entry of *cantus firmus*. The result takes away the splendour and dignity of the original, as does Oliver Knussen's wind-quintet arrangement of *Alleluia Nativitas*.

Two other arrangements, however, were rather truer to the spirit of the original. Dominic Muldowney's rescoring of six Bach Chorale Preludes subtly uses recorded as well as live sounds, his ever-changing timbres folding around Bach's exquisite lines. Though the transcription is not always literal, the composer never loses sight of his well-chosen models; rather they move enticingly, sometimes even wittily, in and out of focus. Much the same thing happens in Bayan Northcott's beautifully scored version of Machaut's *Hoquetus David*, in which the later hand conceals and reveals the 14th-century work using sounds that seem to inhabit quite different planes.

To all these pieces the Endymion Ensemble, impressively conducted by Rupert Bawden (except in the click-track regulated Bach/Muldowney), brought abundant commitment, as they did to Alexander Goehr's *A Musical Offering (J.S.B. 1985)* . . . which worthily echoes baroque forms through its ambitious polyphony of groups without ever quite managing to take flight. The players seemed to know, though, that in *Tragoedia* they had a rather special work entrusted to their talents, and its gritty, compelling drama released with what in 1965 was, for Birtwistle, an unprecedented linguistic freedom was performed brilliantly.

Stephen Pettitt

ROCK

Salif Keita
Astoria

Sometimes it sounded like Stevie Wonder, sometimes like Woodstock-era Santana, sometimes like David Byrne's and Brian Eno's adventures in the bush of ghosts, and sometimes like the more impressionistic passages from Dire Straits' last album. Such moments of familiarity will certainly help attract the ear of an international audience to the music of the West African singer Salif Keita, who gave his first London concert to an excited and appreciative gathering of taste-makers on Tuesday evening.

Mostly, however, Keita's music has strengths of its own, and his listeners found their enthusiasm roused as much by the differences as by the recognizable reference-points. Those who danced for a couple of hours to the circular rhythms of his eight-piece band would probably agree that Keita's work is secure enough to retain its identity while contributing to a "world music" in which musicians of all cultures converse without creating a musical porridge.

At the Astoria, porridge was emphatically not on the menu. This was Mali's equivalent of Louisiana gumbo or Puerto Rican salsa: a hot stew of diverse and sometimes unidentifiable ingredients, spicy and cleansing. Powerful bass-lines and busy off-centre drumming created a matrix as thunderously irresistible as Marley's Wailers; a two-man brass section followed the James Brown route while a keyboardist reproduced the sound of the kora, the African harp, and the kalimba, the thumb-piano. Opinions differed on whether or not the rock-style guitar solos fitted the context, but most — including me — admired the guitarist's rhythm figures.

Keita's voice is the main event, though. High and reedy, its tone at once imperious and imploring, it soars with great power and a deceptively casual precision, bursting forward to elaborate on the verses sung by a female companion. It is likely to be heard much more widely in the near future.

Richard Williams

Battling celebration

FESTIVAL

Denmark is properly possessive about the composer Buxtehude: **Richard Morrison** reports on his 350th birthday party

The Danes, of course, do not indulge in Greek passions. But one recalled the Elgin Marbles more than once as Helsingör celebrated the 350th birthday of Diderich Buxtehude.

For the Danes would also like their property back — in this case their best-known baroque composer, whom the Germans also vigorously claim. That is why this little east-coast port, immortalized as *Hamlet*'s "Elsinore" but these days distinguished mainly by its prodigious quantity of liquor shops (the Danes claim that this is to satisfy the demands of day-tripping Swedes), has just hosted three days of Buxtehude lectures, Buxtehude seminars, Buxtehude concerts and — a considerable thrill for Danish organists — a Buxtehude boat-trip across the Oresund to play the master's fugues on historic Swedish organs.

But first the knotty nationality matter. Was Buxtehude Danish? Was he even born in 1637? The *New Grove Dictionary* inclines to the opinion that he was born in Oldesloe, north Germany, and that his birth-date is pure guesswork. (When he died, in 1707, an obituary said he was "about 70".) But the wily Danes have achieved a great coup. They invited the author of that *Grove* article (and the world's foremost Buxtehude scholar), an American professor called Kerala Snyder, to Helsingör, and there she publicly recanted.

Apparently, Oldesloe is now out of favour. Professor Snyder did not exactly say that Buxtehude was Danish after all ("a child of the Baltic Sea" is what she now prefers to call him) and there remains the disturbing possibility (for Helsingör) that he was born in Helsingborg (Sweden). But what is not disputed is that he spent eight formative years as organist at St Mary's, Helsingör, and this fine old church — with a magnificently carved model of a sailing clipper hanging from the nave roof — was the venue for most festival events.

Its splendid baroque organ, on which Buxtehude's vast, episodic preludes — with their mystical contemplative sections and turbulent, tousled fugal passages — really come to life, was naturally the centre of proceedings.

Leonhardt: brilliant recital

Gustav Leonhardt gave a brilliant recital, demonstrating Buxtehude's stature in the context of lesser contemporaries like Delphin Strunck and Matthias Weckmann. A lighter, almost witty side was revealed in the canzonettas played by another fine organist, Jörgen Ernst Hansen. One could easily hear why the young J.S. Bach made his famous 200-mile hike to learn what he could from the "Baltic" master.

It was not all organ music, however. In Helsingör's massive Kronborg Castle — where Laurence Olivier and Jean Simmons bared their souls for the 1948 film of *Hamlet* — the Drottningholm Baroque Ensemble gave an equally atmospheric, candle-lit recital, again featuring unfamiliar music. Again, Buxtehude's music managed to trump the lot: a cantata, "O clemens, O mitis, O coelestis Pater!" revealed a surprisingly chromatic, superbly expressive aspect to his word-setting, and was sung in excellent style by Anne Sofie von Otter.

The young harpsichordist Lars Ulrik Mortensen (who featured prominently) sounds like a future star of the authenticity firmament: he lolls around disconcertingly at the keyboard, but his playing of Buxtehude's E minor Suite was immaculately controlled, with just the right degree of rhythmic flexibility.

Unfortunately, not all the music-making was of international calibre. Under Per Enevold the Danish Radio Chamber Choir and Copenhagen Cathedral Orchestra delivered Buxtehude in a manner more befitting, say, Elgar's *The Kingdom* or a Bruckner mass.

But the festival's positive aspects outweighed these matters. Impressive public and private subsidy ensured free admission for most of these concerts — but that in itself does not necessarily guarantee widespread public interest. Nevertheless, the churches *were* full: big crowds flocked down "Buxtehudes Straede". That street-sign, incidentally, looked suspiciously new.

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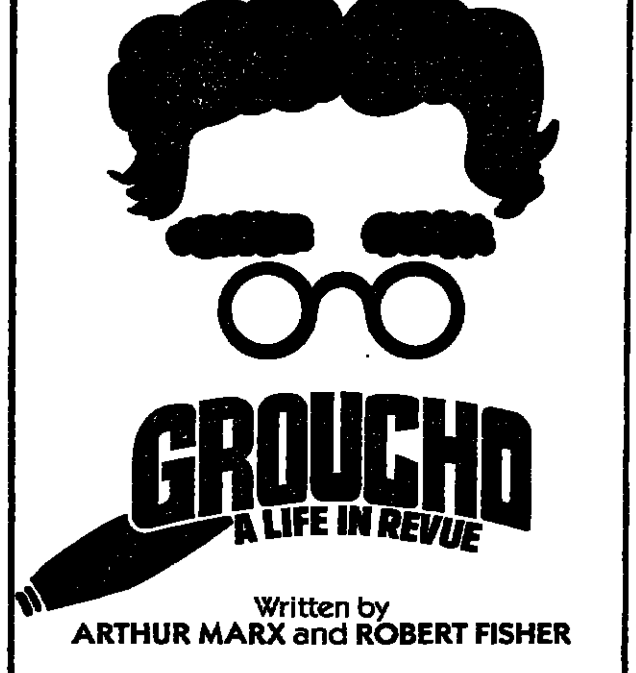

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BOOKS

Star inside the fat man

Peter Ackroyd on the biography of Bligh, Nero, Quasimodo, and others

CHARLES LAUGHTON
A Difficult Actor
By Simon Callow
Methuen, £14.95

Glynn Boyd Harte

Charles Laughton did not really look like an actor, let alone a star. He had a face which, as he said, resembled "an elephant's behind". But if his physiognomy might have come from the more *louche* elements of the animal kingdom, he was still able to startle audiences with his sudden graceful movements, with his scuttles across the stage, and with a voice that in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* sounded like a moonbeam caught in a bottle.

Like any good actor, therefore, he was not what he seemed. In one of the many perceptive passages in this wonderfully percipient biography, Simon Callow describes the stark apartment that Laughton shared with Elsa Lanchester: most people would have expected Laughton's rich and somewhat cheesy personality to overflow into an expanse of ornament; but of course the bareness and the indiscipline of his living quarters were exactly right. He was a formalist, as Callow tells us, a rigorous artist whose acting was "made up of strong clear strokes".

He was the son of Scarborough hoteliers, and a homosexual — not a unique combination but unusual, and one with which he never quite came to terms; there was always a touch of the hotel manager about him, even if it was only to put at ease the various personalities who lodged within his own breast. Then in the Twenties he seemed to emerge fully armed upon the stage: it is hard to realize from the strangely contorted and somehow slightly vicious plumpness of the young Laughton that he never had to struggle to succeed. He went in easy stages from the West End to Hollywood; and it was the film camera that first pierced the face of Caliban to find the soul of Prospero. Yet there *was* a struggle, but it was one against himself. He wanted to be a great actor, but he was never really at home in the theatre; even in his early days he acquired a reputation for eccentricity, and was notoriously difficult and taciturn at rehearsals. Callow suggests that he could never have become a classical actor in the Olivier mould, because that would have meant imposing external standards upon himself when the real imperatives and restrictions came from within — he was an actor who had to create each part out of his own often desperate imagination. The agony he suffered was that of rebirth.

Just as the biographer of a poet or novelist will analyse his subject's writings, so in a similar manner Callow here analyses Laughton's performances; and it is part of the strange alchemy of the actor's art that this book should be an account of Laughton's *personae* as much as of Laughton himself. Thus he emerges as himself and yet not himself — a creature who is part Nero, part Quasimodo, part Bligh. And although there are times when Callow perhaps overemphasizes that element in Laughton that he describes as "existential anxiety", there is no doubt that in each role he felt himself to be purified; he was releasing a little part of himself into the upper atmosphere, where it might create its own strange shapes. He was liberating his "obsessed, repressed, fanatical, conscience-ridden" psyche by objectifing it.

Quasimodo was the role in which he finally found his quietus and, after that, his creative energies were turned elsewhere. He kept appearing in films, but only to serve up thin slices of ham. He even collaborated with Brecht, which must surely be one of the strangest parnerships in the history of the theatre. But although he directed one wonderful film, *Night of the Hunter*, and made a brave attempt at Lear in his last years, his major activities became those of teaching and public reading. He no longer needed to dive into the depths of the sea, to use his biographer's metaphor; instead, he began swimming towards other people.

Callow continually questions the status of acting as an art; but, on the evidence of this biography alone, it is clear that the actor is just as much an artist as the novelist or the painter —perhaps no one more so than Laughton himself since, as one early critic noted, he seemed determined to seize the essence of the character.

The techniques of this magical transference are in fact very interesting and, in one of those perceptions that make this biography as much a study of acting as the study of an actor, Callow remarks that "if you imitate the outer life of someone with sufficient connection, you sometimes get an inner life for nothing." This is a mystery which other artists have also come to understand — it is in the visible surface that the "soul" is generally to be discovered. Or, as Edith Head put it more pithily, "Charles had an amazing ability to adjust his body to his clothes." Actors ought to read *Sartor Resartus* just as often as *The Stage*.

Simon Callow himself is an actor and, although his publishers have tried too hard to draw a resemblance between him and his subject through the unhappy medium of a dust jacket, there is no doubt that he brings to Laughton a potent mixture of sympathy and objectivity — he understands the springs of acting while at the same time he retains that cold eye that actors always bring to each others' performances. And the magic of recreation works here just as it does upon the stage: out of the narrative emerges Laughton himself, stumbling, blinking, and yet somehow always remarkable. Dickens once said that "The more real the man, the more genuine the actor"; and it is the achievement of this biography to confirm that point. Those who want a little shop talk about Laughton's homosexuality will be disappointed — this is not a spit and tell biography — but those who are interested in the nature of performance, and indeed in the nature of art, will not be.

NEW HARDBACKS

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Dear old Dutch

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John Russell Taylor

THE EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHES
An Interpretation of Dutch Culture in the Golden Age
By Simon Schama
Collins, £19.95

The Birth of a Nation. Now, that has a ring to it! Likewise the *Decline and Fall*. But how does one make the Psychoanalysis of a Nation resound with similar dignity? Even the classic position, laid out on a couch in a doctor's office, leaves no one trailing many clouds of glory. But amazingly enough, Stephen Schama has managed to fit the whole of Holland, at the height of its confidence and success, on to his couch, and persuaded it to babble out its innermost guilts and fears and secrets. With his aid Holland has managed to emerge from the ordeal restored, refreshed, and with its integrity wholly respected and intact.

Though Schama is Professor of History at Harvard, he is London born and Cambridge educated. *The Embarrassment of Riches* seems, even at the most cursory glance, to represent a happy confluence of the two cultures. By sheer weight it proclaims itself at once a piece (and a very elegant piece too) of American book-making, for what British publisher these days would dare to originate, for the large circulation implied by a price of under £20, a 698-page volume of serious and subtle historical argument, not even dedicated to the antique games of the home team? On the other hand, the tone of the discourse is crisp, witty, specific, and very European: Schama is a scholar with the rare gift of talking to non-scholars without talking down.

Of course, like any psychiatrist dealing over a length of time with a patient, Schama has an hypothesis. Very broadly stated, it is that the coming of Holland's fastest expansion, greatest commercial and cultural success — riches, in a word — hard on the heels of the Calvinist/Humanist Reformation put the Dutch in a real pickle. They could not just relax and enjoy their imperial heyday, full of confidence in manifest destiny, as the British were later to enjoy theirs. For everything their gurus told them pointed to riches as a snare and a delusion — something that was sent by God as a test. The new nation needed its riches, but at the same time had to despise them — or at least pretend to. Having achieved nationhood almost by accident, as a by-product of their hostility to their Spanish rulers, the Dutch could maintain it only at constant risk to their own soul.

Such conflicts in the mind of an individual could well produce intense neurosis. But in general we do not perceive the arts of 17th-century Holland as neurotic, as we might reasonably those of 17th-century Naples. On the contrary, Rembrandt and Vermeer, for instance, seem to be among the most wholly sane of the great masters.

In fact, his hypothesis is not so much that the Dutch, individually or collectively, were full of hidden neuroses, as that the distinctive strength and balance of their cultural expression at this period comes from the skill and determination with which they combated and reconciled the divisive forces that we would expect to produce neurosis. Naturally all of this left its mark, whether in the fads and fantasies we all know about, like the hysterical excesses of tulipomania, or in a national passion for emblematic signs and wonders. Some of Schama's most vivid pages are devoted to the place assumed in the popular Dutch imagination by whales and other monstrous denizens of the deep, or by the endlessly repeated tale of the aerial birth (a woman in the last stages of pregnancy was supposed to have been tossed by a bull and given birth in mid-air to a child who fell to earth alive).

He is also very goodabout outsider elements in Dutch society, such as the Jews.In his introduction Schama, with modesty so offhand as to be quite misleading, refers to his work as "this book of essays".

It is of course nothing so casual and loosely knit. What is really breathtaking about the book is his command of overall structure, that enables him to construct such a complex and sophisticated argument without every losing narrative drive, to generalize only from innumerable particularities, which somehow always remain in proportion, and are never allowed to clog the massive flow. If he is much more concerned with minor and popular arts than with the giants, that is perfectly understandable and reasonable: after all, your average genre painter or broadside balladeer is bound to be much more in tune with the times than the solitary genius — even if that genius, like Rembrandt or Vermeer, was also, in his properly pre-Romantic fashion, a tradesman and functioning member of a coherent society.

Schama does not "explain", much less explain away, Vermeer — indeed, he hardly mentions him — but to understand something of the mental world in which Vermeer lived and felt and functioned, one could hardly ask for a more perceptive and reliable guide.

Past and present

NOVEL *of the week*

Victoria Glendinning

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THE PLAYMAKER
By Thomas Keneally
Hodder & Stoughton, £10.95

In *Hawksmoor* Peter Ackroyd had two balls in the air: the past and the present. In *Chatterton* he has at least three balls in the air, and keeps them up there. Unsuccessful poet Charles Wychwood, our contemporary, is obsessed with Chatterton — the "marvellous boy" who successfully passed off his own poems as the writings of a medieval monk, and apparently committed suicide in 1776, still a teenager. In 1856 Henry Wallis painted the famous picture "The Death of Chatterton" using the writer George Meredith as his model. The story of this being painted is cross-cut with Wychwood's researches; and through hitherto lost manuscripts and a mysterious portrait we learn Chatterton's own version of his last hours.

Or do we? If the urgent voices argue across the centuries like overlapping tracks of a gramophone record, it's because this is not just a detective story but a set of propositions about forgery, imitation, and plagiarism. Who's to say what is fate and what is real when you can't tell the difference? How can writers and painters be intelligible without cross-reference to a familiar tradition? How is this bearable unless experience is recycled? By the end of this novel there's not a document or a picture left that is "original", and there are fleeting, recurring images that suggest that life, as well as art, gets stuck in certain specially resonant grooves.

Ackroyd does not serve his notions raw. He animates them with a supporting cast of camped-up eccentrics: Harriet Scrope, a garrulous, gin-sipping old novelist; a screeching antique dealer and his potty, crippled wife; an exquisite pair of gallery owners; London itself. Ackroyd's relation to Dickens, when it comes to comic portraiture, is entirely in keeping with the preoccupations of *Chatterton*. It's hard to know where he can go, in fiction, from this agile and entertaining novel which, like a whiting with its tail in its mouth, puts into practice the ideas it discusses. Maybe he'll turn everything upside down and come up with something — original?

Teasing original

Thomas Keneally is not such a tease. This is rather reassuring. *The Playmaker* is a fictionalized account of events in Sydney Cove in 1789, only 18 months after the first shiploads of convicts were dumped on the shore of New South Wales.

There is drama within the drama. Keen young Lieutenant Ralph Clark is producing, with a largely illiterate all-convict cast, the first play ever performed in the still nameless continent: Farquhar's *The Recruiting Officer*. There's a bit too much about the rehearsals, but the point is that the convicts easily "transform the normal arts of criminal dissembling" into acting the parts of ladies and gentlemen. Everyone in this bleak new world has to find parts to play.

Ralph Clark, who has a dear wife back home, is troubled by love for one of his convict actresses. This unknown world is a parallel universe, making its own morality. The known world's continuing existence is only made believable at all by the rare arrival of a ship with mail. But even in these raw conditions the convicts and their keepers sort themselves out into friends and enemies, respectables and rebels: a society in the making.

Yet an aboriginal, seeing for the first time in his life a man being flogged, is astounded and disgusted. He sees no "social meaning" in the act. The play Clark puts on is a matter of "impersonations, mockeries, passions and grand mistakes." The same can be said of the brutality that goes on off stage. *The Playmaker* is honest documentary fiction.

Existential puzzle

FICTION

Gillian Greenwood

THE CASE OF THOMAS N.
By Johnathan David Morley
André Deutsh, £9.95

ANAGRAMS
By Lorrie Moore
Faber, £10.95

MENSONGE
By Malcolm Bradbury
André Deutsch, £5.95

The eponymous hero of John David Morley's first novel, *The Case of Thomas N.*, is a boy found by the police, a derelict with no name (until they give him one), who never uses the pronoun "I", and has no memory at all. He eats in an uncivilized manner, and complains that water tastes unlike water, suggesting that something has previously been added to his supply.

The first half of the novel is episodic, with Thomas being shuffled from psychiatric hospital to home to boarding house. Once released from care, or Care, it is inevitable that life will impose upon him something that he cannot obliterate from his memory. It is suggested by his doctor that he does not know who he is because he "fears anything that objectively demonstrates (his) existence." Thus when Thomas finds himself confronted one morning in a bedroom by the decapitated head of a girl, with whom he has spent the previous evening, he quite naturally attempts to cover up all trace of his involvement, yet finds himself on trial for murder.

This is a clever, ambitious novel from an excellent writer whose previous work of faction, *In The Labyrinth*, established his vision of a Kafkaesque world of uncertainty. *Thomas N.* is a sort of existential whodunnit, with the nature of identity on trial, and the quantum theory of existence as evidence for the prosecution, or possibly the defence. It is a novel of ideas, while sustaining the fascination of its central enigmatic character for whom the happier ending, one feels, would be a life sentence in jail.

Malcolm Bradbury would probably describe *Thomas N.* as a deconstructionist whodunnit. After all, "Thomas N. did not know who he was, because there was nothing in him to which a name might correspond." This is the problem for all of us in the view of the arch-structuralists — Barthes, Foucault, Lacan, and Henri Mensonge. Mr Bradbury has published a short account of his quest for the mysterious Mensonge, "The ultimate case of Deconstructionist Integrity."

Monsieur Mensonge's cold logic has dictated to him that such is the author's insignificance in the theory of deconstruction that he must create "totally *Absent Absence*." In other words he has disappeared after the discreet publication of his book *La Fornication comme acte culturel*.

As cultural guide to the *événements* which combined this century to produce such a phenomenon, and as interpreter of the great man's work, Malcolm Bradbury has poked some wicked fun at his Eng. Lit. philosopher colleagues and the history of their subject. He is on sure ground here; and at his comic best.

Lorrie Moore voices her own frustrations with the inadequacies of language in her first novel, suitably titled *Anagrams*: "I thought that close was good enough, that sloppiness was generally built into the language. It was a shock for me quite late in life to discover that meaning, if it existed at all, was unstable and could not survive the slightest reshuffling of letters. One gust of wind and Santa became Satan."

Ms Moore delights in puns, anagrams and general word play. She is also very good at jokes. Like all the best comics, she allows the pathos and tragedy behind her jokes to peer through alarmingly, particularly a very American brand of loneliness which is heart-rendingly bleak.

In *Anagrams* the heroine, Benna, searches for love, disguised initially as a night club singer, then as an aerobics teacher, then as an art historian, until her fantasy/reality, we are not quite sure, settles down a quarter of the way through the book into a teacher at an American Community College. The first four sections of the novel are really short stories, vehicles for good jokes and sad observations, thinly disguised as anagrams of reality. As the book broadens out into a novel, the jokes flounder in a morass of short scenes, changes from first person to third person, and an overdose of cutiness, personified in the appearance of an imaginary six-year-old daughter.

Benna teaches a creative writing class (though in these sections she is referred to only as "The Teacher" — very ludic): "Writing is a safari, dammit. It means going out there and spotting, nabbing, and bringing home to the cage of the page the most marvellous living stuff of the world." Ms Moore has overstuffed her zoo.

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **AS IS:** William M Hoffmann play from New York about Aids; with George Costigan as the victim and David Fielder his former lover.
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, E1 (01-790 4000). Tube: Stepney Green. Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ **BLESS THE BRIDE:** Splendidly staged revival of Vivian Ellis heart-warmer. Jan Hartley has a lovely day.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue EC1 (01-278 8916). Tube: Angel. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3-6pm, £3.50-£16.50.

☆ **BREAKING THE CODE:** Hugh Whitemore's acclaimed drama about Alan Turing, the homosexual computer genius, with John Castle in the leading role.
Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, SW1 (01-930 2578). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, £4-£13.50.

☆ **CORPSE:** Colin Baker and Jack Watling in twisty thriller of murder, money and identical twins.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Covent Garden/Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Wed 3-5.10pm and Sat 5-7.10pm, £3.50-£13.50.

☆ **INFIDELITIES:** William Gaskill's contemporary production of Marivaux classic comedy; with Eleanor Bron and John Lynch.
Lyric Theatre, King Street W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Tonight 7pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, and Sat 4pm, £3-£10.

☆ **KISS ME KATE:** After its national tour the RSC production is now in town with Paul Jones and Nichola McAuliffe.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.20pm, Sat 7.45-10.35pm, mats Wed 2.30-5.20pm and Sat 4-6.50pm, £8-£19.

☆ **MELON:** New Simon Gray play stars Alan Bates as a glittering publisher imploding with sexual jealousy.
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £4-14.50.

☆ **PORTRAITS:** New William Douglas-Home play with Keith Michell as Augustus John and Simon Ward playing three of his sitters (Monty, Matthew Smith and Cecil Beaton).
Savoy Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, mats Wed 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£13.

☆ **SERIOUS MONEY:** Caryl Churchill's searing musical play about the Big Bang transfers after a sell-out run at the Royal Court.
Wyndhams Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10.30pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Fri 5-7.30pm and Sat 4-6.30pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **THE STORM:** Janet McTeer plays Ostrovsky's tragic heroine stifling under the religious bigotry of provincial Russia.
Pit Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-628 8795). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight 7.30-9.45pm. £7.50.

☆ **THURSDAY'S LADIES:** Dorothy Tutin, Eileen Atkins, Sian Phillips meeting, remembering and re-enacting times past. From the French.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Previews, Mon-Sat 8-9.50pm, £3-£10.

☆ **VINCI:** One-man spectacular by renowned Canadian director Robert Lepage: Light, sound and hologram.
ICA Theatre, The Mall, SW1 (01-930 3647). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-9.15pm, £4.90 plus 60p day membership.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). . . ★ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0). . . ★ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). . . ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ★ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . ★ **No Sex Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243). . . ★ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216) . . . ★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: ☆ **Miranda:** Clever woman outwits greedy councillors; Penelope Keith in feeble comedy.
Festival Theatre, Chichester (0243 781312). Tonight 7.30pm, £5.75-£11.50.

EXETER: ☆ **On The Razzle:** Stoppard's version of Nestroy's night out in Vienna.
Northcott Theatre, Stocker Road, Exeter (0392 54853). Mon-Sat 8pm, £4.50-£6.50.

MANCHESTER: ★ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig and many others in Jeffrey Archer courtroom drama.
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061 236 9922). Mon-Sat 7.30-9.30pm, mat Thurs 2.30-4.30pm, £4.50-£9.50.

NEWBURY: ☆ **Educating Rita:** Roger Hume and Angela Newmarch in Willy Russell's play. Last production of the season.
Watermill Theatre, Bagnor, Newbury (0635 46044), 7.30pm, £4.50-£7.95.

SCARBOROUGH: ☆ **Henceforward:** Première of Alan Ayckbourn's 34th play.
Stephen Joseph Theatre-in-the Round, Scarborough (0723 370541). Tonight 8-10.15pm, £4.50.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

1	(1)	**Never Gonna Give You Up,** Rick Astley	RCA
2	(2)	**What Have I Done to Deserve This?,** Pet Shop Boys and Dusty Springfield	Parlophone
3	(19)	**Wipeout,** Fat Boys and the Beach Boys	Urban/Polydor
4	(4)	**Toy Boy,** Sinitta	Fanfare
5	(6)	**Sweet Little Mystery,** Wet Wet Wet	Phonogram
6	(5)	**Call Me,** Spagna	CBS
7	(3)	**I Just Can't Stop Loving You,** Michael Jackson and Siedah Garrett	Epic
8	(18)	**Wonderful Life,** Black	A&M
9	(28)	**Heart and Soul,** T'Pau	Siren/Virgin
10	(8)	**Funky Town,** Pseudo Echo	RCA

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(2)	**Hits 6,** Various	CBS/WEA/BMG
2	(1)	**Hysteria,** Def Leppard	Phonogram
3	(3)	**Substance,** New Order	Factory
4	(6)	**Whitney,** Whitney Houston	Arista
5	(4)	**Presley — All Time Greatest Hits,** Elvis Presley	RCA
6	(9)	**The Joshua Tree,** U2	Island
7	(5)	**Who's That Girl Soundtrack,** Madonna/Various	Sire
8	(7)	**Introducing the Hardline According To,** Terence Trent D'Arby	CBS
9	(11)	**Changing Faces,** 10cc and Godley & Creme	PROTV/PolyGram
10	(15)	**Give me the Reason,** Luther Vandross	Epic

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FILMS

■ Also on national release
⌂ Advance booking possible

■ **THE ARISTOCATS (U):** Re-issue of the Disney Studio's 1970 cartoon about a feline family under threat from an avaricious butler. An episodic story, but the voice characterizations (by Phil Harris, Hermione Baddeley and Eva Gabor) are lively (79 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.05, 3.05, 5.00, 6.55, 8.50.

■ **BLACK WIDOW (15):** A homicidal psychopath kills several wealthy husbands and is investigated by the Justice Department, notably Alex (played by Debra Winger) (114 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.40, 5.55, 8.50.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35.

BLIND DATE (15): Blake Edwards's fast-moving comedy with Bruce Willis as the straight businessman taken for a ride by crazy Kim Basinger (95 min).
⌂ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.50.

■ **BLUE VELVET (18):** David Lynch's surreal tale about the placid surface of an American small town being violently ripped apart. Isabella Rosselini is the local siren, Dennis Hopper evil incarnate and Kyle MacLachlan a wholesome hero (120 min).
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3671). Progs 1.00, 3.10, 5.45, 8.20.
⌂ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.35, 6.05, 8.40.

■ **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15):** Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (*Marlee Matlin*) (113 min).
⌂ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

COMRADES (PG): Bill Douglas's epic account of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, brimming with imaginative touches but in serious need of pruning. With Robin Soans, Michael Hordern and Robert Stephens (180 min).
⌂ **Curzon West End** (01-439 4805). Progs 2.30, 7.30.

HAMBURGER HILL (15): The bloody story of an inexperienced young platoon in Vietnam. Directed by John Irvin with a deliberately unstarry cast (118 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527) Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.55, 8.25.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.50, 8.25.

JAWS IV – THE REVENGE (PG): Latest shark horror with Michael Caine and Karen Young. Joseph Sergent directs (100 min).
⌂ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.30.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.25, 8.35.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.55.

■ **THE NAME OF THE ROSE (18):** Simplified edition of Umberto Eco's medieval murder mystery, filmed with a fine sense of atmosphere and a grotesque carnival of characters. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud; with Sean Connery (131 min).
⌂ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.30, 8.10.

■ **PERSONAL SERVICES (18):** Terry Jones's outrageous comedy, inspired by the life of Cynthia Payne, stars Julie Walters as the London madam (105 min).
⌂ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

POWER (15): Sidney Lumet's simple-minded drama, filmed in 1985, features Richard Gere as a public relations whiz-kid who lands in hot water with a politically ambiguous client. With Julie Christie and Gene Hackman.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.00, 8.25.

■ **RADIO DAYS (PG):** Woody Allen's sweet, delicate tapestry of Brooklyn families, broadcasters and Manhattanites sharing hopes and dreams at the end of the 1930s. With Mia Farrow, Dianne Wiest and Seth Green (89 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.30, 8.40.
⌂ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-930 2738). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

You cannot reveal much about an Anthony Shaffer play without giving away some important trick of the plot. Call *Sleuth* a revenge play and you thereby disclose that one of the two characters must still be around in the second act in order to be revenged. It is the same with *This Savage Parade*, Shaffer's first stage play, written in the wake of the Adolf Eichmann trial in 1961, 10 years before *Sleuth*, and only performed once before in this country, at Crewe. It is set in a disused wine cellar where a group of Israelis, dedicated to the pursuit of fugitive Nazis, stage a secret trial of a notorious war criminal. Those last 20 words look straightforward enough but read them again after seeing the play and you will find a less obvious meaning. Alfred Marks (left) and Garfield Morgan (right) lead the cast in this revival, but to find out which parts they play you will have to go to the King's Head Theatre Club, 115 Upper Street, Islington N1 (01-226 1916) Tuesday to Saturday 8pm, matinées Saturday and Sunday 3pm, £6-£6.50. Press night Monday 7.30pm. ***Jeremy Kingston***

■ **THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS (PG):** Michael J Fox climbs Big Apple's business ladder with the help of deception and Helen Slater. Comedy for aspiring yuppies with an unrefined sense of humour (111 min).
⌂ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.20, 5.20, 8.50.

■ **SUPERMAN IV (PG):** Superman – now flying under new management (Cannon Films) – tries to rid the world of nuclear weapons. Lex Luthor does his utmost to prevent him. Juvenile stuff, with the old acting team – Christopher Reeve, Gene Hackman, Margot Kidder, Jackie Gleason - and a director new to the series, Sidney J Furie (87 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.15, 8.30.

SWIMMING TO CAMBODIA (18): Awkward transfer to the screen of Spalding Gray's anecdotal monologue based on his experiences in South East Asia. Jonathan Demme directs. (87 min).
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366) 3.35, 5.20, 7.15, 9.10.

TIN MEN (15): Bright, inventive comedy from writer-director Barry Levinson, with Richard Dreyfuss and Danny DeVito as warring home improvement salesmen.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.55, 5.30, 8 05.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.10, 4.55, 8.20.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.20.

CONCERTS

EVENING

☆ **MACHAUT MASS:** Starting today's segment of "Harrison Birtwistle – His Fancies, His Toys, His Dreams" the Taverner Choir sings Machaut's *Messa de Nostra Dame*. Anthony Payne's arrangement of Machaut's *Hoquetus David*, Stravinsky's Mass. And Rohan de Saram (cello) plays Xenakis's *Nomos Alpha*.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 7.15pm, £3-£8.

☆ **ALL BRUCKNER:** Zubin Mehta and the Israel Philharmonic devote this entire Prom to Bruckner's 80-minute Symphony No 8. There is *no* interval in this concert.
Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (01-589 8212, cc 01-589 9465), 7.30-8.50pm, promenade – gallery £1.50, arena £2; seats – £3-£15.

☆ **COLOMER/ECO:** Edmon Colomer conducts the ECO in Mozart's Symphony No 35 "Haffner", Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 1 (Emmanuel Ax, soloist) and Vivaldi's *Seasons* (José-Luis Garçia, violin).
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). 7.45-9.45pm, £6-£11.50.

☆ **ENACTMENTS:** For today's final contribution to "Harrison Birtwistle – His Dreams, His Toys, His Fancies" Andrew Ball, Clive Williamson and Keith Williams play Stefan Wolpe's engaging *Enactments* on three pianos. There is *no* interval in this recital.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 9.45pm, £3.50.

OPERA

☆ **PACIFIC OVERTURES:** Preview performance of Stephen Sondheim's satirical, Kabuki-style opera about the overtures made by American warships in Japan. Quite a scoop for English National Opera.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-9.50pm, £2-£12.50.

DANCE

☆ **TERRACOTTA ARMY:** Dance pageant from Xian China based on the discovery there of thousands of statues from the third century BC.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), 7.30-9.40pm, £3.50-£12.00.

☆ **CHAKRAVYUHA:** Indian dance drama by the Chorus Theatre of Manipur.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (01-748 3354), 8.15-10.15pm, £6-7.50.

☆ **DANCES OF SOUTH INDIA:** Performed by Indra Thiagarajah and Chitraleka Bolar.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £5.

☆ **LES SYLPHIDES:** The Scottish Ballet divides into two equal groups to tour small towns with this and modern works by Jack Carter, Peter Darrell and André Prokovsky.
Duthak Centre, Shandwick Street, Thain (0862 4422), 7.30-9.30pm, £3.
Carnegie Hall, East Port, Dunfermline (0383 720108) 7.30-9.30pm, £4.

ROCK

☆ **NEW MODEL ARMY:** Start of a British tour for the passionate post-punk trio whose album, *The Ghost Of Cain*, was last year's most overlooked rock treasure.
Riverside, 57-59 Melbourne Street, Newcastle (091 261 4386) 7.30pm, £4.50.

☆ **X/10,000 MANIACS/THE CALL:** An Elektra label package featuring Californian, jangly guitar types (X) and New York folk-rockers (10,000 Maniacs).
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 8pm, £5.50.

★ **STEVIE WONDER:** Motown's longest-running superstar previews unreleased material and makes reparations for last summer's postponed dates.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middx (01-902 1234) 8pm, £13-£16, also tomorrow, Sat and Sun. Tickets for May 28 valid tonight.

JAZZ

☆ **NEW YORK JAZZ:** Interesting quintet featuring the young Scottish saxophonist Tommy Smith, now in regular employment with Gary Burton.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £4.

☆ **CHICO HAMILTON:** First heard with the famous Gerry Mulligan Quartet of the early Fifties, then as the leader of his own adventurous combos, Hamilton remains a deft and propulsive drummer with a Blakeyesque eye for young talent.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

The annual service to the memory of Oliver Cromwell, who died on September 3 1658, takes place at 3pm today beside the Cromwell statue (above) outside the Houses of Parliament in Westminster. The event is organised by the Cromwell Association, formed in 1935 by Isaac Foot (father of Michael) and others to commemorate the great Puritan leader and encourage the study of his life and times. Membership enquiries to John Westmacott, 1 Salisbury Close, Wokingham, Berks.

GALLERIES

BRENDAN NEILAND: A print retrospective for the painter whose principal subject is the glossy, racy façades of modern architecture.
Anderson O'Day, 255 Portobello Road, London W11 (01-221 7592). Tues-Sat 10-5.30pm, free, until Sept 26.

JOHN MONKS, SPIKE SMITH AND HEATHER WALKER: Paintings and monoprints by an established painter — Monks — and two newcomers who have been talent spotted.
Paton Gallery, 2 Langley Court, London WC2 (01-379 7854). Tues-Sat 11-6pm, free, until Oct 3.

ISIS NASSAR: Depictions of various cities painted on the spot then collaged with newspaper cuttings and photographs.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141), Tues-Sat 10-6.45pm, Sun 12-5.45pm, free, until Sept 21.

DANIEL BUREN: The French artist and stripe fetishist has installed a black and white flag on an island of scaffold in a redundant dockland basin.
Albert Dock, Pierhead, Liverpool, until Sept 30.

JOSEPH WRIGHT OF DERBY (1734-1797): A small selection of paintings and drawings by the portrait and history painter who specialized in dramatic lighting of night scenes.
Gainsborough's House, Sudbury, Suffolk (0787 72958). Tues-Sat 10-5pm, Sun-Mon 2-5pm, until Sept 20.

COMIC ICONOCLASM: 20th century artists from Picasso to Lichtenstein show the influence on modern art of the imagery in children's comics.
Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647), daily 12-8pm, 60p, until Sept 12.

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS: Two exhibitions, *The Queen's Image* and *The Queen's World*, examine her looks and life 400 years after she was executed.
Scottish National Portrait Gallery, Queen Street, Edinburgh (031 556 8921), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, £1, until Oct 4.

FRANCIS HAYMAN (1708-1776): Portraits and historical and mythological paintings by a friend of Hogarth best known for his lascivious decorations for the supper boxes at Vauxhall pleasure gardens.
The Iveagh Bequest, Kenwood, Hampstead Lane, London NW3 (01-348 1286), daily 10-4pm, £2, until Sept 30.

WALKS

ROMAN LONDON — THE ORIGINS OF THE CITY: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

LONDON'S HIDDEN VILLAGE: meet Clerkenwell Heritage Centre, St John's Square, EC1, 2.30pm, £3

POLITICAL LONDON — GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT: meet Westminster tube, 11am, £2.25.

A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

JEWISH GHETTO ALLEYS AND OLD COCKNEY QUARTER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3.

HISTORICAL PUB WALK — LAWYERS'S LONDON: meet Blackfriars tube, 7pm, £2.50.

OTHER EVENTS

TIME AND ELEGANCE: Temporary exhibition of an exclusive collection of fine jewels and watches, celebrating the long-standing collaboration between two of the world's best-known craftsmen — Kutchinsky and Chopard. Many items have not been seen by the public before.
Inn On The Park Hotel, Hamilton Place, London W1. Today 11-6pm, tomorrow 11-9pm.

GREAT DORSET STEAM FAIR: First day of one of the leading annual steam events in the British Isles – a massive rally of working engines plus displays, exhibitions, sideshows and auctions.
Stourpaine Bushes, Blandford, Dorset. Daily from 11am, £1.50, until Sept 6.

MAGAZINES FOR AND AGAINST WOMEN: Forum discussion with David Doughan, assistant librarian at the Faucett Library.
University Women's Club, 2 Audley Square, London W1. 6.30pm, members £1, non-members £2.

MONASTIC LIFE IN THE SOUTH WEST: Last three days of an interesting exhibition which shows the history of the area's monasticism from the 5th century to today. On display are decorated medieval tiles, tooled leather, hair shirts and the work of present day monks — pottery from Prinknash and stained glass from Buckfast Abbey.
Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, The King's House, The Close, Salisbury. Daily 10-5pm, free, until Sept 5.

THE BLASTED OAK: Last two days of an excellent exhibition about the oak tree — its natural history (there are over 300 species), myths related to it and its depiction in art, including work by Joseph Beuyce, Hans Bol, John Constable, Thomas Girtin and J M W Turner.
University of Strathclyde, Collins Gallery, Richmond Street, Glasgow Today and tomorrow 10-5pm.

FOR CHILDREN

COLOURSPACE: 64 colour units to wander through accompanied by music. A fun exercise for children and adults to extend their spatial, colour and musical awareness.
Sculpture Court, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2. Mon-Fri 11-7.30pm, Sun 12-7.30pm, £1.50 (child £1), until Sept 6.

CALENDAR OF CHILDHOOD CEREMONIES: Children can look at a variety of samplers from the collection and experiment with their own stitches and colours.
Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 (01-980 2415). 11am, free.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINERS IN LONDON: Giant chess and draughts at **Playtower**, Ladywell Road, London SE13. 10-4pm. Other entertainers at 11am in **Edgware Park**, Edgware and **Old Court House Recreation Ground**, Barnet; at 3pm in **Stonegrove Park**, Edgware and **Victoria Recreation Ground**, New Barnet; at 2pm at the **Ring Pool and Tin Top Show** on Blackheath, London SE3.

SUMMER FUN IN THE WELWYN AND HATFIELD DISTRICT: Activities for the last few days of the holidays include golf and short tennis coaching, the sportsmobile and workshops. Info: Holiday Hotline (0707 331212 ext 395).

BOOKINGS

BIRMINGHAM TOURING OPERA: Inaugural performance by Graham Vick's new company is *Falstaff*, starting in Birmingham and touring to Farnham, Crawley, Cheltenham, Malvern, Taunton, Kingston, Bracknell, Bridgnorth, Knutsford, Milton Keynes, Coventry and Stourbridge. Sept 17-Oct 16.
Info: c/o **Midlands Arts Centre**, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham (021 440 5832).

ROYAL EXCHANGE: Autumn season opens with Schiller's *Don Carlos*, in translation by James Maxwell, with Ian McDiarmid as Philip II and Michael Grandage as Don Carlos. From Sept 10.
Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square, Manchester 2 (061 833 9833).

JOSEF SUK: Debut at the South Bank of Dvořák's great grandson, who directs English Chamber Orchestra in works by Dvorak, his grandfather composer Suk, and London première of Vanhal's violin concerto in G. Oct 22.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191 cc 01-928 8800).

LAST CHANCE

MAURICE RAVEL AND ALBERT ROUSSEL: Exhibition to commemorate 50th anniversary of deaths of two French composers. Ends today.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

SUSIE COOPER: Ceramics by Staffordshire designer who revolutionized tableware in the 1930s, and designed and manufactured bone china during the 1950s. Ends Sun.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-589 6371).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Ton't 7.45 ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. Celebrity Concerts at the Barbican.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't & Tomor 7.30 low price previews Pacific Overtures.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903. S CC. 65 amphi seats avail on the day. THE ROYAL OPERA Season Opens 12th Sept. 12th, 16th at 6.30 Tannhauser. 17th, 19th at 7.30 Falstaff. 18th at 7.30 La Boheme.

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/ 836 7358/ 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO APRIL 2 ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S Express THEATRE AIR CONDITIONED

ALBERY 836 3878 CC 379 6565/ 4444 (24hrs) Groups 836 3962 MARTIN SHAW GAYLE HUNNICUTT and JAMES B. SIKKING in CLIFFORD ODETS' searing drama THE BIG KNIFE Directed by Robin Lefevre Eves 8. Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4 RED PRICE PREVS from 15 Sept Opens 21 Sept 7pm

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 01 379 6233. 01 741 9999 JULIE COVINGTON SUSAN ENGEL HARRY TOWB in NEIL SIMON'S BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS Directed by MICHAEL RUDMAN A National Theatre Production "Humour at its best, a rich and loving production" Daily Mail "A beautifully shaped family comedy" Times "It will run for a long time" Time Out Eves Mon - Fri 7.30 Mats Weds 3.0 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 First Call 24 hr 7 day cc 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 01 930 6123. OVER 300 PERFORMANCES NOW BOOKING UNTIL OCTOBER

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30. Wed mat 3. Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Winner of 4 "BEST PLAY" awards. Some tickets avail Mats NOW BOOKING TO MARCH '88.

APOLLO Shaftesbury Ave. 437 2663 cc 434 3598 First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (No bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 Now Previewing Opens Sept 9 at 7.00 DOROTHY TUTIN EILEEN ATKINS SIAN PHILLIPS in THURSDAY'S LADIES Evgs 8 00 Sat 5.30 & 8.30 Mats Thurs 3.00

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 CC 630 6262 Party Bkgs 828 6188 CC 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 Grps 930 6123. Tkts from WH Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 "A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION" D.Exp STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK OAP's £5 on Tues Mats NOW BOOKING TO MARCH 88

BARBICAN THEATRE 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY Today 2.0 & 7.30 THE BALCONY by Jean Genet "Stunning" - Times A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM tomor. Sat. ROMEO & JULIET runs 9 Sept. THE PIT Today 2.0 & 7.30 THE STORM by Ostrovsky. THE ART OF SUCCESS tomor. Sat. FLIGHT runs 9 Sept. Students £4.50 in advance.

BOULEVARD, Walker Court, Brewer St. W1 437 2661 cc 741 9999 THE KING'S HEAD THEATRE production of DIARY OF A SOMEBODY Joe Orton's Diaries Dramatised by John Lahr Mon-Sat 7.30 Fri & Sat Late Night 10.30 "Very Rude, Very Funny" T. Out

CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE 0243 781312 A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS "Magnificent" Mail on S. MIRANDA "Delightful New Play" D Exp. 7.30. Mat 2.30.

CHRIST CHURCH SPITALFIELDS Commercial St. E1 (01) 242 7040 The National Youth Theatre presents MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL LAST 2 Perfs Evgs 8.00. Sponsored by SAINSBURYS.

COMEDY 01-930 2578/8778 CC 839 1438 CC (with bkg fee) 1st Call 240 7200/KP 741 9999/ Open All Hours 379 4444. Preview 15 Sept 8.0. Opens 16 Sept 7.0 Subs Eves 8 mats Wed 3. Sat 5 GROUCHO "adds up to an hilarious evening. A brilliant revue" NY Post A MUST FOR ALL LOVERS OF THE MARX BROTHERS Group Sales 01-930 6123

COTTESLOE 'S' Box Office 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's small auditorium) Today 2.30 & 7.30 A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE by Arthur Miller. Tomor 7.30. Sat 2.30 & 7 30 MEAN TEARS.

COMEDY THEATRE Box Office 01-930 2578/8778 CC 839 1438 1st Call 24/hour/7 day CC bkgs 240 7200. Open All Hours 379 4444. CC 741 9999. Eves 8.0. Sats 5.0 & 8.15. JOHN CASTLE in BREAKING THE CODE BY HUGH WHITEMORE "ONE OF THE BEST THEATRICAL EVENTS CURRENTLY IN LONDON" (What's On) LAST WEEK

CRITERION Air Cond. S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/ 379 4444/741 9999 Groups 836 3962. Eves 8. Thur mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30 "BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail The Theatre of Comedy Company ROBIN ASKWITH GEOFFREY HUGHES BILL PERTWEE RUN FOR YOUR WIFE! Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 1,800 side-splitting perfs "SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE" S. Ex

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845 580 9562. Tel CC bkgs FIRST CALL 24hr 7 day on 836 2428 NO BOOKING FEE CC 741 9999 (no bkg fee) OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 DAVE CLARK's TIME THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE DAVID CASSIDY AS 'THE ROCK STAR' THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY LAURENCE OLIVIER Mon-Thu 7.30 Fri 8.15 Sat 4 & 8.15 SPECIAL CONCESSIONS at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail from 5pm (Sat - noon) SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TON'T NOW BOOKING TO APRIL '88

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 cc 379 6565/Open All Hours 379 4444. Mon-Thur 8. Fri & Sat 6 & 9 By Overwhelming Demand BLUES IN THE NIGHT is Back! "Two thrilling hours" Times

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7. First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (no bkg fee) David Merrick's 42ND STREET A SHOW FOR ALL THE FAMILY Winner of all the best Musical Awards for 1984 voted BEST MUSICAL STANDARD DRAMA AWARDS voted BEST MUSICAL LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARD voted BEST MUSICAL PLAYS & PLAYERS LONDON THEATRE CRITICS AWARD Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30 Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123 BOOKING NOW UNTIL 1988

DUCHESS S 836 8243 CC 240 9648 CC 24 hr/7 day 240 7200/ 379 4444 Eves 8.0. Sat 5.0 & 8.0 NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH LAST WEEK of World Record Breaking Comedy.

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 CC 836 9837 24hr CC 240 7200 379 4444 741 9999 THE SELL-OUT SUCCESS FROM THE ROYAL COURT THE COLORED MUSEUM "STUNNING" The Times Mon-Thurs Eves at 8.00 Fri & Sat 6.00 & 9.00 Reduced Price Mats £8 & £5 FOUR WEEKS ONLY

FORTUNE THEATRE 836 2238 cc 741 9999 Evgs Mon-Fri 8pm Sat 8.30 Mat Thurs/Sat 3pm NUNSENSE THE FUNNY NUNNY MUSICAL "It will run for years" D Tel "Wacky & Totally Entertaining" ILR "Roaring Success... Irresistible...Perfect Taste" Stage "A Great Big Embrace of Fun... Terrific Performances" BBC Bkg Fee 1st Call 240 7200 Open All Hours 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 Over 200 Perfs. Bkg to Jan 88

GARRICK 379 6107 cc 379 4444 (24hr no bkg fee). 741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR...TROUSERS? by Ray Galton & John Antrobus Eves 8. Mats Tues 3. Sat 5 OVER 150 PERFS! THE NEW HIT COMEDY. BOOKING TO CHRISTMAS

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. cc 01 853 3800 (no bkg fee) Evgs 7.45. Mats Sat 2.30 MARY ROSE by J.M. Barrie. "Puts you under a spell" Times. "A good, atmospheric production" Independent

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301. Opens Ton't 7pm. Sub Eves 8pm, Sat Mat 4.30. CURTAINS BY Stephen Bill.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 01-930 9832 ALAN BATES "AS SPELLBINDING AS EVER" Times. "A DAZZLING PIECE OF ACTING" Gdn. in MELON by SIMON GRAY "DEEPLY ADULT PLAY... TRAGICOMIC IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD" Sunday Times "BY TURNS SAVAGE AND HILARIOUS, DISTURBING, MOVING AND EVEN HORRIFIC" Sunday Telegraph Directed by CHRISTOPHER MORAHAN Mon-Sat Evgs 8.00 Mats Sats 3.00 First Call 24 Hr 7 day cc bkgs 01-240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (bkg fee)

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA MICHAEL CRAWFORD CLAIRE MOORE STEVE BARTON Rebecca Caine plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Evgs 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 All perfs sold out till 2 Apr '88 NEW BOOKING PERIOD NOW OPEN. Postal bookings from 4 Apr-1 Oct '88. Phone bookings cc 24hr (bkg fee) 379 6131 / 240 7200. N.B. Casting subject to change. QUEUE DAILY FOR RETURNS

JEANNETTA COCHRANE Southampton Row, WC1 (01) 242 7040. The National Youth Theatre presents THE DREAM TICKET by Christopher Short Last Week Evgs 7.30 Sponsored by Sainsburys

KINGS HEAD 226 1916. THIS SAVAGE PARADE by Antony Shaffer, with ALFRED MARKS and Garfield Morgan. Tues - Sat Dnr 7, Show 8pm. Sat & Sun Mats 3pm. Sun Luch 2pm

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311. Eves 7.45pm Wed Mat 2.30pm Sat 4pm. INFIDELITIES by Marivaux. LYRIC STUDIO Eves 8pm THE LIGHT OF DAY by Graham Swannell.

LYTTELTON 'S' Box Office 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Today 2.00 (low price mat), Mon 7.45, Tues 2.15 & 7.45 SCHOOL FOR WIVES by Moliere, a new translation by Robert David MacDonald. Ton't & tomor 7.45. Sat 2.15 & 7.45 FATHERS & SONS, a new play by Brian Friel, after a novel by Ivan Turgenev. Wed 6.00 (please note new time) THE WANDERING JEW.

MAYFAIR CC 629 3036 379 4444 Mon Thu 8 Fri & Sat 5.40 & 8.10 RICHARD TODD in "The Best Thriller for years" S Mir THE BUSINESS OF MURDER "An unabashed winner" S Exp "SENSATIONAL" Times 7TH THRILLING YEAR!!

MERMAID THEATRE 01 236 5568 / 638 8891 / 741 9999 ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY Today 2.0 & 7.30 THEY SHOOT HORSES, DON'T THEY? Ray Herman and Horace McCoy's musical - 'Constantly entertaining' S. Times. THE GREAT WHITE HOPE tomor. Sat. EVERY MAN IN HIS HUMOUR runs 9 Sept. Students £4.50 in advance.

NATIONAL THEATRE Sth Bank 01-928 2252 NATIONAL THEATRE See separate entries under OLIVIER, LYTTELTON, COTTESLOE. Cheap seats days of perfs from 10 am. RESTAURANT 928 2033. CAR PARK. Info: 633 0880. First Call 240 7200 24 hr 7day/Keith Prowse 01-741 9999. Agency Bkg fee.

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER / T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL CATS Group Bookings 01 405 1567 or 01 930 6123. NOW BOOKING TO 26 MAR 88

OLIVIER 'S' Box Office 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's open stage) Ton't & Tomor 7.00 (prompt). Sat 1.30 & 7.00 ANTONY & CLEOPATRA by Shakespeare. Mon & Tue 7.00. Wed 2.00 & 7.00 KING LEAR

OPEN AIR REGENTS PARK S 486 2431 Credit Cards 486 1933/379 4444 (24 Hrs). TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA today, tomor, Sat 7.45, Mats today & Sat 2.30. UB40 free tickets Mon & Mats (if avail). Advert sponsored by Marks & Spencer

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Eves 7.30. Wed Mats 2.30. Sat 4.0 & 7.45 Royal Shakespeare Company "THRILLING" (Today) in "Cole Porter's glorious musical" D.Tel KISS ME KATE with PAUL JONES NICHOLA McAULIFFE TIM FLAVIN FIONA HENDLEY "KATE STRIKES GOLD" FT "SHEER BLISS" D.Exp "IRRESISTIBLY ENJOYABLE" S.Times CC Nos (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444/1st Call 240 7200/KP 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123. SEATS AVAILABLE TONIGHT!

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444 First Call 24Hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek Winner of 8 Tony Awards inc BEST MUSICAL LES MISERABLES THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval "FIGHT TO GET A TICKET" LBC

PICCADILLY 437 4506 cc 379 6565/4444 Open All Hours Grps 836 3962 TOM STOPPARD'S "GLITTERING" D Mail "SUPERB" Drama "LUNATIC" Times ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD "PURE COMIC INVENTION" Drama MARK ARDEN & STEPHEN FROST "Inspired casting" Drama & LIONEL BLAIR "Excels" Today Eves 8. Mats Tue 3. Sat 4. Season extended - MUST END 19 SEPT

PLAYHOUSE Northumberland Avenue WC2. 240 5425 cc 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) 741 9999 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 HAZEL O'CONNOR DAVID EASTER HOWARD GOODALL'S GIRLFRIENDS A New Musical Prevs From 26 September

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 ALL tel cc bkgs FIRST CALL 24 hour 7 day on 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7 30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30 BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine CHESS "A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek New booking to January 88 APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS

PRINCE OF WALES 839 5987 First Call 24hr/7 day (BKG FEE) 240 7200 ALLO ALLO with the TV Show Stars from 22 Sept

PRINCE OF WALES, W1. 839 5987 CC 24hr/7 day 240 7200 (bkg fee). "Carry on Chaucer" Gdn CANTERBURY TALES a "BAWDY ROMP" Times Directed by Michael Bogdanov Mon-Thu 8.0. Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.40. Limited Season Ends Sept 12

QUEENS 734 1166 / 0261 / 0120 cc 741 9999 First Call 24hr 7 day cc 240 7200 (bkg fee) cc 379 4444 Groups 930 6123 FRANK FINLAY WENDY CRAIG BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT by JEFFREY ARCHER DAVID LANGTON JEFFRY WICKHAM ANDREW CRUICKSHANK Directed by DAVID GILMORE Mon-Fri 8 Mat Thu 3 Sat 5 & 8.30 Prevs from 17 Sep Opens 22 Sep

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745. Eves 8. Sat Mats 4 THE EMPEROR by Ryszard Kapuscinski, adapted for the stage by Michael Hastings & Jonathan Miller. "Indisputably brilliant" Inde.

ROYAL COURT UPSTAIRS 730 2554. Extra perfs Tomor & Sat only 7.30. THE ROYAL BOROUGH. Writer: Marty Cruickshank. Dir: Simon Curtis.

ROYALTY 01 831 0660 From 23 Nov Now booking WINNIE THE POOH by AA Milne

ROYALTY WC2 01 831 0660 CC 01 240 7200 (No bkg fee) Eves 8.00 Sat 5.00 & 8.00 Wed Mat 3.00 (11 Sept at 7.00) 7 Sept to 17 Oct Gabrielle Drake, Clive Francis, Wendy Hiller, Harold Innocent, Phyllida Law, Denis Lawson, Natalie Ogle in Oscar Wilde's THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST Directed by DONALD SINDEN 13 Sept ONLY NOEL COWARD'S SEMI-MONDE

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200 (bkg fee) Eves 7.30. Mat tod & Sat 3 RUTH MADOC UNA STUBBS GERALD HARPER SIMON WILLIAMS BLESS THE BRIDE UNTIL 26 SEPT BOOK NOW

SAVOY THEATRE 836 8888 cc & groups 379 6219, 836 0479/741 9999. First Call 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 KEITH MICHELL SIMON WARD in PORTRAITS A new play by William Douglas Home Directed by John Dexter "Like 'Les Liaisons Dangereuses' and 'Breaking The Code' one of the best new plays to hit the West End" Time Out. Evgs 8.00 Mats Wed 3.00 Sats 5.00

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 379 5399 24hr cc 379 4444/ 240 7200/ 741 9999 DIANA RIGG JULIA McKENZIE DANIEL MASSEY DAVID HEALY & DOLORES GRAY FOLLIES The Sondheim/Goldman Musical "A TRULY FANTASTIC EVENING" FT Evgs 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS Box Office Phones Open 9am-9pm (No bkg fee). Some good seats for Wed Mats still available

SHAW (01) 388 1394. 100 Euston Road, NW1. The National Youth Theatre presents FREEDOM OF THE CITY By Brian Friel Evgs 7.30 Sponsored by Sainsburys

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45. Sat 5.0 and 8.0 35TH YEAR OF AGATHA CHRISTIE'S THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660 cc 836 4143/5190 1st Call 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 BARRY HUMPHRIES is BACK WITH A VENGEANCE! Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 2.30 & 8 Red price prevs Nov 10-Nov 14 OPENS NOV 17

STRAND BO&CC 836 2660/ 4143/5190 K Prowse 741 9999 Evgs Mon-Sat at 8.00 Mats Wed 3.00, Sat 5.00 COLIN BAKER JACK WATLING in CORPSE! The Comedy Thriller 'Ingenious' S Times 'Ingenious' D Tel 'Ingenious' Std 'Ingenious' FT Bkg Fee 1st Call 240 7200 Open All Hours 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at RST. The Taming of the Shrew Opens Tonight and Nightly 7.30. Mat Sat 1.30. Swan Theatre, The Revenger's Tragedy Opens Tonight & Nightly 7.30. Stop-Over meal/ ticket package (0789) 67262.

VAUDEVILLE Box Office & CC 836 9987/5645 First Call CC 24 Hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee) Open All Hours 379 4444 (bkg fee) CCTB 741 9999 (No Bkg Fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 Air Conditioned GEOFFREY HUTCHINGS TOYAH WILLCOX in The National Theatre Production of THREE MEN ON A HORSE Directed by Jonathan Lynn "Utterly hilarious" S Times "A Great Night Out" Sun Exp. "An Out-and-out winner" Times Evgs 8.00 Mats Wed 3.00 Sats 5.00 & 8.30

VICTORIA PALACE Box Office & cc 834 1317/828 4735 cc 741 9999 379 4444 First Call cc 240 7200 24hr 7 day Grp Sales 930 6123 "A WONDERFUL EVENING OUT... I'M HIGH ON HIGH SOCIETY" S.Times "What a swell party" D.Mirror PATRICK RYECART ANGELA RICHARDS STEVEN PACEY JULIE OSBURN HIGH SOCIETY Directed by Richard Eyre "PURE MAGIC...leaves you feeling good to be alive" D.Exp Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.45 & 8.15 NOW BOOKING TO JAN 16

WESTMINSTER 01-834 0283/4 CC 834 0048/First Call 24 hr 7 day (bkg fee) 240 7200/Open All Hours 379 4444. TOM BAKER PAULINE JAMESON PETER BALDWIN AN INSPECTOR CALLS by JB Priestley "Ingenious detective thriller" Eve Std "Totally absorbing" D Exp Tues-Fri 7.45, Mats Wed & Thur 2.30. Sats 5.0 & 8.15. OVER 100 PERFS!

WHITEHALL off Trafalgar Sq 0 930 7765/ 839 4455 CC 379 6565/741 9999/379 4444/240 7200. Grps. 836 3962. "ONE OF THE FUNNIEST PLAYS OF RECENT YEARS" Obs JOANNA MONRO SHARON DUCE COLETTE O'NEIL WAYNE FOSKETT THE AWARD WINNING COMEDY When I Was A Girl I Used To Scream & Shout Mon-Thu 8. Fri & Sat 6 & 8.45

WYNDHAM'S Air Cond. 836 3028 cc 379 6565/4444 (no bkg fee) Open All Hours/741 9999/1st Call 24hr (bkg fee) 240 7200 Grps 836 3962 Royal Court production of Caryl Churchill's SERIOUS MONEY "PURE GENIUS" Tel dir by Max Stafford-Clark Mon-Thur 8.0, Fri 5.0 & 8.15. Sat 4.0 & 8.15

ART GALLERIES

ANTHONY D'OFFAY 9 & 23 Dering St W1. GILBERT & GEORGE - NEW PICTURES.

BARBICAN ART GALLERY Level 8, Barbican Centre, Ldn, EC2. 01-638 4141 ext. 406. THE IMAGE OF LONDON: Views by Travellers & Emigres 1550-1920. Until 18 Oct. Tues-Sat 10am-6.45pm. Sun & Bk Hol 12-5.45pm CLOSED MON expt Bk Hols. Adm. £2.50 conc. £1.25.

CHRIS BEETLES LTD 10 Ryder St, St James's, SW1. 839 7551. THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART TRADITION - Randolph Schwabe & SR Badmin - Master & Pupil. 2-11 September. 10-5.30 daily. Including Saturday and Sunday.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 *Edgar Kennedy in Love on a Ladder* (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30;** regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15;** weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.** Plus, the latest news from the World Athletics Championships in Rome.
8.35 World Athletics Championships - Rome 87. Live coverage of the opening events in Daley Thompson's bid to retain his decathlon title. Plus, the long jump and the qualifying heats in the men's 1500 metres and women's hurdles. *Includes regional news at* **8.55** and national news and weather at **9.00** and **10.00.**
10.30 Play School presented by Fred Harris with guest Sheelagh Gilbey (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven.** Catherine Griller with a thought for the day **11.00 News** and weather **11.05 Hartbeat.** Tony Hart's guide to better drawing (r) **11.35 Babar, the Little Elephant.** Cartoon version of the celebrated children's story, narrated by Peter Ustinov (r).
12.00 News and weather **12.05 World Athletics Championships - Rome 87.** A review of Daley Thompson's first three events in his defence of his decathlon title and a preview of this afternoon's five track finals. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather **1.25 Neighbours.** Who will be Jim's partner at the dance? While two ladies vie for his affections, Max and Denny set their sights on the Dennison women.
1.50 ***Film: Callie and Son*** (1981) starring Lindsay Wagner and Jameson Parker. A two-part made-for-television drama about a successful businesswoman and the obsessive love for the son she abandoned in pursuit of her career. Directed by Waris Hussein. (continues same time tomorrow)
3.05 World Athletics Championships - Rome 87. Two more events in the decathlon, at **4.00** and **6.40,** and the finals of *the men's 400 metres* **(4.20),** the women's 400 metres hurdles **(4.40),** the men's 110 metres hurdles **(4.50),** the women's 200 metres **(5.10),** and the men's 200 metres **(5.25).**
6.00 Six O'Clock News and weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by *Mike Smith.*
7.30 EastEnders. Kelvin makes final preparations before going up to university unaware a surprise send-off is being planned and at the Dagmar preparations are in full swing for the arrival of Walford's mayor. (Ceefax)
8.00 Bodymatters. Doctors Graeme Garden, Alan Maryon Davis and Gillian Rice examine the capabilities of the human hand. (Ceefax)
8.30 Kenny's Christmas Cracker. Lunatic comedy sketches from Kenny Everett and music from Spandau Ballet (r).
9.00 Nine O'Clock News and weather.
9.30 Alas Smith and Jones. Mel and Griff with more off-beat humour and a deep, meaningful converation (r).
10.00 ScreenStory: Mussolini. Episode three of the four-part dramatization of the life and times of the Italian despot, starring George C Scott in the title role. (Ceefax)
11.35 World Athletics ***Championships - Rome 87.*** Highlights of the day's events introduced by Desmond Lynam.
12.10 Weather.

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6.00 TV-am introduced by Caroline Righton and Richard Keys. News at **6.00** and **6.30;** weather at **6.28** and **6.58;** financial news at **6.35;** sport at **6.40;** and exercises at **6.55.**
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Kay Burley and Richard Keys. Includes news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30;** *cartoon at* **7.25;** *sport at* **7.40;** and pop music at **7.55.**
8.35 Wacaday with Timmy Mallett and Michaela Strachan.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Stingray (r) **10.00 The Coral Island.** The penultimate episode of the adventure serial (r).
10.30 University Challenge. The first leg of the final. Presented by Bamber Gascoigne **11.00 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends** (r). **11.10 Puddle Lane** (r). **11.25** Thames news headlines.
11.30 About Britain. Benjamin Britten's *Peter Grimes* performed by Haddo's Choral and Operatic Society on the occasion of their 40th anniversary. **12.00 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s
12.30 News with Jon Snow **12.50 Thames news.**
1.00 Scarecrow and Mrs King. Amanda is brought to London to identify a contract killer **1.35 Home Cookery Club.** Lemon Curd and Cheesecake.
2.00 Password. Word association game presented by Gordon Burns **2.30 Heirloom.** Japanese-made antiques are examined this week **3.00 Take the High Road 3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial.
4.00 The World Athletics Championships. *Coverage of five* track finals and of Daley Thompson's efforts in the decathlon.
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong **6.00 Thames news.**
6.25 What It's Worth. Consumers' queries answered by Penny Junor and David Stafford.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Nick Bates over-celebrates his 18th birthday.
7.30 Never the Twain. Comedy series starring Donald Sinden and *Windsor Davies (r).*
8.00 Yarwood's Royal Variety Show. Comedy impersonations from Mike Yarwood, songs from Elaine Paige and The Nolans (r).
9.00 The Equalizer. McCall is hired by a rape victim to stop her husband who has gone in search of her attacker, armed with a gun. Starring Edward Woodward. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 World Athletics Championships. Highlights of the day's events introduced by Jim Rosenthal.
11.30 ***Out of Schools.*** *A preview of* the Schools drama serial, *How We Used to Live* (r).
12.00 Prisoner Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's prison.
1.00 Ian Dury Hold on to Your Structure. Ian Dury and the Blockheads in a concert recorded in 1985 at the Hammersmith Odeon.
2.00 America's Top Ten.
2.30 News headlines followed by **Too Close for Comfort.** Jackie is entrusted with $100,000 by the bank where she works.
3.00 Film: Before Winter Comes (1968) starring David Niven. Drama set in an Austrian displaced persons transit camp at the end of the Second World War. Directed by J Lee Thompson.
5.00 Donahue examines marital quarrelling. Ends at **6.00.**

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Meanings of Madness, 2. Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Ceefax 10.05 Neighbours (r).
10.25 Those Hollywood Movie Stuntmen. Top performers reveal the tricks of their dangerous trade (r).
10.50 Film: Never Weaken (1921, b/w) starring Harold Lloyd as a young man who thinks he has been jilted by his girlfriend and decides to do himself in. Followed by **Why Worry?** (1923, b/w) in which Lloyd plays a wealthy hypochondriac. Directors, Fred Newmeyer and Sam Taylor.
12.05 Dallas (r).
12.50 Ceefax 1.20 Fingermouse (r). **1.35 Ceefax.**
2.20 Chronicle: The Plunderers. *The highly-saleable relics of past* civilizations reach their markets (r). Includes news and weather at **3.10** and **4.05.**
4.10 The All New Popeye Show (r). **4.30 Rhoobarb** (r). **4.35 Sites.** Final episode (r). (Ceefax).
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Pandas in Peril. John Craven reports on the joint project between the World *Wildlife Fund and the Chinese* government to save the giant panda from extinction (r). **5.35 The Flintstones.**
6.00 World Athletics Championships - Rome 87. Includes Daley Thompson running the 400 metres, the fifth event in his defence of his decathlon title.
8.20 Clive Jermain: The Best Years. (see Choice)
9.00 Moonlighting. The Blue Moon private detectives investigate a 40-year-old murder. (r).
9.50 Going By the Book: The Koran. This second of a two-part series examines the growth of Islamic fundamentalism in Britain.
10.30 Waterfront. Chris Denham takes his Cornish crabber to the first Falmouth International *Marine Festival; Peter de Savary* talks about his new America's Cup challenge; the Lineker family show off the 52-foot cruiser they are building in their back garden; and two octogenarians recall a working life on the canals.
11.00 Newsnight 11.45 Weather.
11.50 Open University: Weekend outlook **11.55** The Golden Rule. *Ends at* **12.45.**

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: Captain Blood (1935, *b/w*) starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland. Swashbuckling yarn about a 17th century physician who becomes a pirate after being sentenced to slavery in the West Indies for treating one of the leaders of the rebellion against James II. Directed by Michael Curtiz.
4.30 The Gong Show. Chuck Barris presents another selection of untalented showbiz hopefuls.
5.00 Film: Three Ring Circus (1954) starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. Comedy, set in a circus, about an assistant lion tamer and an odd-job man. Directed by Joseph Pevney.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Sue Carpenter.
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather.**
8.00 Equinox: Hole ***in*** **the Sky.** A documentary investigating the discovery by an Anglo-American scientific research unit of a hole in the ozone layer 15 miles above Antarctica. (Oracle)
9.00 Naruhodo. This first of the evening's Japanese season *programmes features a studio* panel of celebrities who watch film shot around the world and then are asked to explain the unusual that the film crew have found. Tonight they start in Paris and follow the contestants in the Paris to Dakar car rally. In Japanese with English subtitles.
9.30 Inochi. Episode one of a seven-part drama serial about a woman doctor who returns to her village three days after the end of the Second World War to set up as a general practitioner.
10.00 Fashion. A fashion magazine series.
10.30 Samurai Drama. Japanese version of Wild West dramas.
11.30 Showa. A four-part examination of Japan between the wars beginning with the 1919 peace conference at Versailles. In Japanese with English subtitles.
12.50 Film: The Devil, Probably (1977) starring Antoine Monnier. A drama about the events leading up to the death of a Parisian student. Directed by Robert Bresson. English subtitles. *Ends at* **2.40.** *(see Choice)*

Getting on with living

TELEVISION CHOICE

Clive Jermain (left) and actor Lee Whitlock who played the cancer victim in The Best Years of Your Life

● When Clive Jermain, the young author of *The Best Years of Your Life*, was not expected to live because of spinal cancer, transmission of the play was brought forward so that he could see it. The play was a success, Jermain became the subject of enormous curiosity and attention, and, despite his brush with the media, made a recovery. Profound events, like the death of a much-loved grandmother, and trivial ones, such as appearing on chat shows, forced him to the same conclusion: that life goes on regardless. **Clive Jermain: The Best Years** *(BBC2, 8.20pm)* is the sort of follow-up programme television is rarely polite enough to bother about. During the course of 1986, the year Jermain's play was first transmitted, its director Adrian Shergold conducted three interviews which form the core of this programme. Jermain admits the publicity was welcome (he is ambitious) and difficult. It was harrowing to have his condition continually *impressed upon him,* but, he shrugs, that is the way of the media. Jermain emerges as a remarkably self-possessed and fluent young man, capable of the detachment of a writer even when discussing the undiscussable. His own condition has taught him to talk about bereavement, grief and abandonment with a certain equanimity.

● No loftier detachment could be found than in Robert *Bresson's film* **The Devil, Probably** (C4, 12.50am), a sober meditation upon death and materialism. As is usual with Bresson, behind an austere facade - here even chillier than usual - is compassion and a heartbeat. When asked why he makes films, Bresson replied: "To live."

Chris Petit

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30** am until **8.30** pm, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith with Breakfast Show **9.30** Andy Peebles **11.00** The Radio 1 Roadshow (from Minehead) **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Simon Mayo **7.30** Janice Long **9.00** Come Rain or Come Shine (Reading Festival) **10.00-12.00** Billy Bragg. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00** am As Radio 2 **10.00** pm As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00** am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF *(see Radio 1)*
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50** am. Cricket Scoreboard **7.30** pm
4.00 Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Bill Oddie **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** pm David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Country Club **9.00** Rhythm and Blues **10.00** Ken Dodd's Palace of Laughter (new series) **10.30** Star Sound Cinema (Nick Jackson **11.00** Peter Clayton **1.00** am Steve Madden **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk **6.30** Time for Verse **6.40** Farming World **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Best of British **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Rules for Living **10.00** News **10.01** Thanks for the Memory **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** Letter from England **11.30** Legacy of Empire **12.00pm** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 — Top Twenty **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Sportsworld **1.45** Happy Talk **2.00** Outlook, opening with News Summary **2.45** Write On ... **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuel **7.00** Live Relay: 93rd Season of Henry Wood Promenade Concerts **8.00** News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Business Matters **9.00** News **9.01** Sportsworld **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** *Letter From England* **10.30** *Financial News* **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Merchant Navy Programme **11.30** Time for Verse **12.00am** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Happy Talk **1.45** Book Choice **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Sportsworld **2.30** Composer and Patron **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Twenty-Four Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: The Warsaw Pact
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 *Morning Concert: Sinding* (Suite for violin and orchestra: Itzhak Perlman with Pittsburg SO under André Previn), Ravel (Rapsodie espagnole: LSO under Claudio Abbado), Kodaly (Norwegian Girls: Hungarian Radio and Television Chorus, under Janos Ferencik), Ewald (Quintet No 3: Philip Jones Brass Ensemble) **8.00** News
8.05 Morning Concert: continued. Neruda (Concerto for trumpet and strings: John Wallace, trumpet, with Philharmonia under Christopher Warren Green), Mozart (Symphony No 27: Vienna PO under James Levine), Tchaikovsky (Capriccio italien: Philharmonia under Seiji Ozawa)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Monteverdi. Les Arts Florissants, under William Christie, perform madrigals including Perchè t'en fuggi o Fillide; Chiome d'oro; Gira il nemico; Ballo concertata: and Tirsi e Clori
10.10 18th Century Woodwind Concertos: Peter-Lukas Graf (flute), with English Chamber Orchestra under Raymond Leppard, in performances of Boismortier's Concerto in E minor, and Mozart's Flute Concerto in D major, K 314
10.40 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC, and introduced by Angus McDermid (r)
11.00 Scarlatti Sonatas: Robert Woolley (harpsichord), Catherine Mackintosh (violin), Richard Boothy (cello). D minor, Kk 77; D minor, *Kk 89; D minor,* Kk 90; and G major, Kk 91
11.30 The Angels They Grow Lonely: play by Gerry Jones that won a Giles Cooper Award in 1983. With Nigel Anthony, Jim Norton, and Robert Lang (r)
12.00 BBC Scottish SO, under Bryden Thomson. Rawsthorne (Street Corner overture), Peter Nelson (Into the purple), Arnold (Symphony No 2) **1.00** News
1.05 Chopin and Szymanowski: Philip Jenkins (piano) plays Szymanowski's Sonata No 3, and Chopin works including Impromptu in A flat, Op 29; Impromptu in F *sharp minor, Op 29, and* Fantaisie-Impromptu in C sharp minor, Op 66
1.55 Bach Cantatas: the Nos 175 and 42, performed by *Steinitz Bach Players under* Paul Steinitz, and soloists Jennifer Smith, Charles Brett, Wynford Evans, and Richard Jackson
2.45 Berg and Liszt: Berg's Violin Concerto, and Liszt's Dante Symphony. The South West German RSO under Matthias Bamert, Wurttenberg Chamber Choir, and Yuzuko Horigome, violin
4.05 Ravel and Piston: Medici Quartet, with John Clegg (piano). Ravel (String Quartet in F), Piston (Quintet for piano and strings)
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Mainly for Pleasure: Jeremy Siepmann presents a recorded music selection
6.25 Bandstand: John Foster Black Dyke Mills Band, under Peter Parkes. Percy Fletcher (Epic Symphony), Robert Simpson (Volcano) **6.55** News
7.00 Continental Cabaret Chansons: recordings by artists including Marlene Dietrich, Jeanne Moreau, Yvette Guilbert, Maurice Chevalier, and Edith Piaf

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7.30 Proms 87: from the Royal Albert Hall. Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under Zubin Mehta. Bruckner (Symphony No 8 in C minor).

8.55 A Marriage in the Country: Desmond Hogan reads his own short story
9.15 A Russian Recital: Mary King (mezzo), Andrew Hall (piano). Works by Prokofiev (including Katerina; White Snowflakes; The Monk), Mussorgsky (including The Ragamuffin, and The Orphan), and Borodin (including Fleurs d'amour; The Sleeping Princess; and From the shores of your distant homeland)
10.10 Approaches to the East: Dreamtiger perform works by Douglas Young (Lightning), George Crumb (Vox Balaenae) and Salvatore Sciarrino (All'aure in una lontananza)
10.45 First Night: Curtains, at the *Hampstead Theatre,* London, reviewed by Thomas Sutcliffe
10.55 Music and Sweet Poetry: Consort of Musicke perform madrigals by Thomas Ravesnscroft
11.20 Stravinsky: Richard Markham and David Nettle (pianos) play the ballet score for Petrushka
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Olivia de Havilland, Errol Flynn (C4, 2.30pm)

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES 6.35-7.00pm** Wales Today **12.10-12.15am** News of Wales, Weather, Close **SCOTLAND 6.35-7.00pm** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND 5.35-5.40pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Ye Tell Me That **8.30-9.00** Don't Wait Up **12.10-12.15am** Northern Ireland News, Weather, Close **ENGLAND 6.35-7.00pm** Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Anglia News **12.50pm** Anglia News **1.00-2.00** The Outsiders **3.25-3.30** Anglia News **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **7.00** Anything Goes **7.30-8.00** Full House **12.00am** Donahue **1.00** The Glastonbury Festival **2.00-2.30** Cover Story **5.00** California Highways **5.30-6.00** Diff'rent Strokes.

BORDER As London except: **12.50pm** Border News **1.00-2.00** Blacke's Magic **3.00** At Home with Sir Edward Du Cann **3.25** Border News Headlines **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.35** Lookaround Thursday **7.30-8.00** Full House **12.00** It's in the Closet, It's under the Bed **12.30am** Border Weather, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **5.15am-6.00** Jobfinder **9.25-9.30** Home Cookery Club **12.00-12.30pm** Contact **12.50** Central News **1.00** Blacke's Magic **3.25-3.30** Central News **6.00-6.35** Central News **7.30-8.00** Full House **12.00** Quincy **1.25am** Dateline Thursday **3.05** Central News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **9.25-9.30** For Openers **12.00-12.30** Ask No Questions **12.50** Channel News **1.00** A Country Practice **1.30-2.00** The Sullivans **3.30-4.00** Carson's Law **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **7.30-8.00** Full House **12.00am** Man in a Suitcase **12.55** Weather, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Granada Reports **11.25-11.30** Granada Reports **12.50pm** Granada Reports **1.00** *A Country Practice* **1.55-2.00** Granada Reports **3.25** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25** This Is Your Right **7.30-8.00** Full House **12.00** Barney Miller **12.30am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **9.25am-9.30** HTV News **12.50pm** HTV News **1.00** A Country Practice **1.55-2.00** Home Cookery Club **3.25-3.30** HTV News **6.00-6.35** HTV News **7.30-8.00** Full House **10.30** The West This Week **11.10-11.15** HTV Weekend Outlook **11.45** The World Athletics Championships **12.45am** HTV Weather and Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-6.35pm** Wales at Six **10.30-11.30** The World Athletics Championships **11.30-12.00am** Out of Schools **12.00-12.30am** Mary **12.30** HTV Weather and Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.50pm** Scottish News **1.00-2.00** A Country Practice **3.00** Venture **3.30-4.00** Mary **6.00** Scotland Today **6.20-6.35** Scottish on Screen **7.00** Take the High Road **7.30-8.00** Full House **12.00** Late Call **12.05am** America's Top Ten **12.35** Closedown.

TSW As London except: **9.25-9.30am** TSW News **1.00-2.00pm** Man in A Suitcase **3.25** TSW News and Weather **3.57-4.00** Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays **6.00** Today **6.30** Survival **7.00** Easy Street **7.30-8.00** Name That Tune **12.00** Cover Story **12.25am** Postcript **12.30** Weather **12.31** Closedown.

TVS As London except: **9.25am-9.30** TVS Outlook **12.00-12.30pm** Ask No Questions **12.50** TVS News **1.00** A Country Practice **1.30-2.00** The Sullivans **2.30-3.00** Bygones **3.25-4.00** TVS News, followed by Carson's Law **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **7.30-8.00** Full House **12.55am** Company, closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **9.25am-9.30** News **12.50pm** News **12.55** Lookaround **1.00-2.00** The Silk Road **3.25-3.30** News **6.00** Northern Life **7.30-8.00** Full House **12.00** Meet Jesus and Live, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **9.25am-9.30** Calendar News **12.00-12.30pm** Calendar Lunchtime Live **12.50** Calendar News **1.00-2.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News **6.00-6.35** Calendar **7.30-8.00** Full House **12.30am** Film: Mommie Dearest **2.20** Jobfinder **3.20** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **12.20pm** Film: Young Giants **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Fragile Earth Siarau: The Tidal Forest **3.30** Time to Remember* **4.00** The Munsters* **4.30** Fisiabalam **4.45** Athro Amser **4.50** Straeon Y Byd Y Ferch Hardd Ddall **5.15** Cartoon Time **5.30** Ourselves and Other Animals **6.30** Same Difference **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Prif Bencampwriaethau **8.00** Cefn Gwlad **8.30** Dinas followed by News Headlines **9.05** Torri Gwynt gyda Dewi Pws **9.35** Hill Street Blues **10.30** People to People **12.00** Jazz at the Gateway **12.50am** Film: The Devil Probably **2.40** Close.

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, *incl* **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day
8.42 Missing Persons: by David Cook. The reader is Patricia Routledge (9 of 10) (s) **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 On the Big Day: The School Play. One hundred pupils and the art, drama, PE, and technical departments come together for the end-of-term production at Archway School, Stroud (r)
9.30 The Natural History Programme: pesticides and industrial waste chemicals are killing off our marine and coastal wildlife. Presented by Fergus Keeling
10.00 News; Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care (r)
10.30 Morning Story: The Women of Tears, by Norrie Hearn. The reader is Denys Hawthorne
10.45 *An Act of Worship (s)*
11.00 News; Travel; The Heat Is On: Alun Lewis tells the story of the race for high-temperature superconductors (r)
11.47 The Butterfly Collectors: Martin wainwright profiles the Rev Miles Moss who, in his Anglican parish in the *Amazon, used the church* graveyard for breeding butterflies
12.00 News; You and Yours: presented by John Howard
12.25 Braden Beside Himself: Bernard Braden in the world of transatlantic humour. This week, Unlikely Stories. Includes the wit and wisdom *of Arthur Marx and Mark* Twain (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: includes an investigation into why there is a scarcity of woman who play regularly in our orchestras
3.00 News; Afternoon Play: Dai's *Army, by Derrick Geer.* With John Alderton. The story of two North Wales men in their 80s, and the English writer who retires to that part of Wales (s) (see Choice)
4.00 News
4.05 A Good Read: Brian Gear invites Charles Causley and Naomi Lewis to pick some paperback
4.35 Kaleidoscope: includes items on the new film Rita, Sue, and Bob, Too; and J J Phillips's book Mojo Hand (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Counterpoint: General musical knowledge quiz, chaired by Ned Sherrin (First Round: Heat 2) (2)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 1887: Stanley Williamson looks through provincial papers to see how they reflected life in Aberdeen 100 years ago
7.40 From Raj to Rajiv: Forty Years of Indian Independence. The BBC's Delhi correspondent Mark Tully charts India's progress since the British left (4) Dynastic Democracy. How three generations of the Nehru family held on to India's Prime Ministership (r)
8.25 The Season: Glyn Worsnip talks to *debutantes, past* and present
9.00 Does he Take Sugar?: Magazine for the disabled
9.30 This Sporting Life: Show Jumping — The First Lady of Sport. In conversation with the sporting journalist Mitchell Dever, Peter Tinniswood looks back at *some great equestrian* events (2)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: includes items on John Boorman's new film Hope and Glory; and State of the Nation, at Coventry Art Gallery
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Moon and The Bonfire by Cesare Pavese (4)
10.30 *The World Tonight*
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Enterprise: Marjorie Lofthouse visits John McCarthy who set up his own heating installation and servicing business in Birmingham
12.00 News; Weather
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **1.55-2.00** pm Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** pm PM (continued) **11.30-12.00** am Open University **11.30** Arts Review: Class in the 20th Century **11.50** Open Forum: University Magazine

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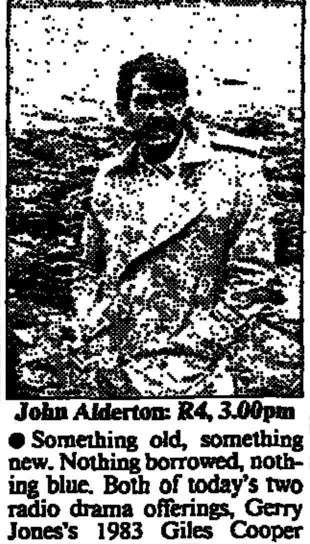
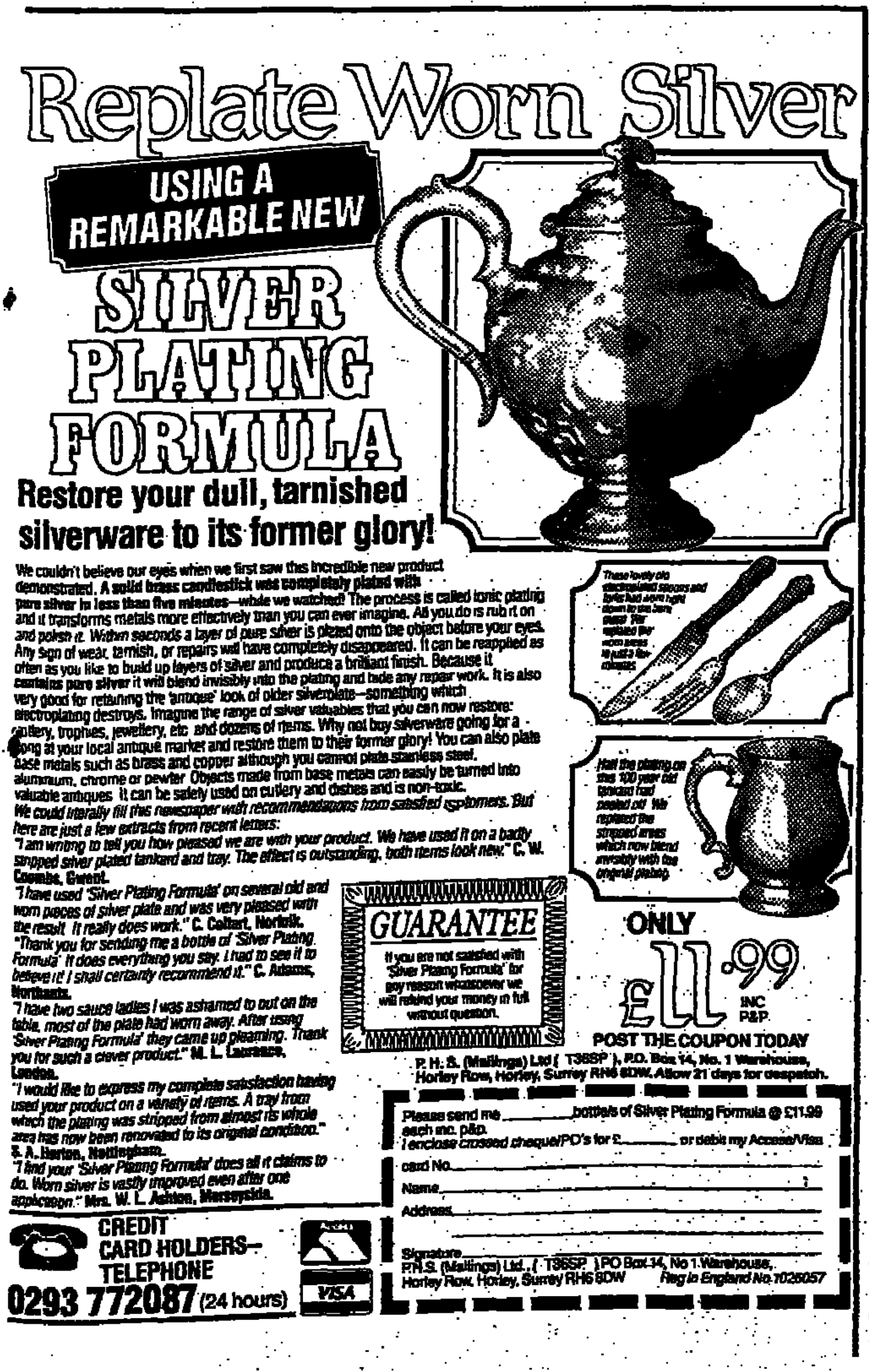

John Alderton: R4, 3.00pm

● Something old, something new. Nothing borrowed, nothing blue. Both of today's two radio drama offerings, Gerry Jones's 1983 Giles Cooper Award winner **The Angels They Grow Lonely** (Radio 3, *11.30am*), and Derrick Geer's brand-new **Dai's Army** (Radio 4, 3.00pm), have the considerable virtue of originality. Less important, perhaps, there is nothing in either to offend the maiden aunt, although she might well be discomfited by *the eventual plight of Gerry* Jones's creation — the man who takes wing and suffers the fate reserved for many of his feathered predecessors. Jones's play is shot through with vivid images and is award-winning material all the way. *In contrast, Dai's Army* is a modestly conceived whimsical tale, charming in an Ealing comedy kind of way. Like all fishermen's yarns — the plot has two sly old Welsh anglers taking advantage of a naive Englishman — it tends *to be a little over-imaginative,* but, in director Adrian Mourby's hands, the Welshness of both the setting (the North Wales coastline) and the home-grown characters, comes over as genuine. And so does John Alderton's *duped Londoner.*

Peter Davalle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Tankers under attack in Gulf

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tanker hit near the Strait of Hormuz said yesterday that his crew were only prevented from jumping overboard in terror when the vessel was assaulted by Iranian gunboats by the fact that the sea was alight with burning oil.

Iran's attacks yesterday were, according to Mr Mir-Hussein Moussavi, the Iranian Prime Minister, calculated assaults designed to strike "blow for blow" against those who wish to impose a peace on Iran – in other words, the Iraqis.

All but one of the Iranian attacks were at night against vessels sailing under the Korean, Liberian, Cypriot and Greek flags. One of them – the 81,275 tonne Korean-registered Astro Pegasus – was originally said to have been attacked by gunboats crewed by Revolutionary Guards 30 miles inside the Gulf at 2.55am, although later reports suggested she had come under fire from an Iranian frigate firing five-inch shells. Two of the ships – the 223,716-tonne Liberian supertanker Diamond Marine and the Cypriot cargo ship Leonidas Glory – were attacked by gunboats off Sharjah and Dubai in the United Arab Emirates.

The Iranians were flaunting their ability to strike at merchant vessels despite the growing naval presence in the Gulf of the US, Britain and France. Off Kuwait, the American Navy was yesterday waiting to escort a new convoy of three US-flagged ships

The Iraqis, who restarted the latest phase of the tanker war with neither warning nor apparent provocation, said they staged two more air strikes yesterday on what they called "large naval targets".

Iran delays response to UN again

Iran appeared yesterday to have found yet another way of delaying its response to the United Nations Security Council call for a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war (Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes).

Its latest move appears certain to outflank the deadline of Friday announced by the US State Department. Tehran's tactics seem so certain to work that Britain has reluctantly decided not to try to oppose them.

The Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Muhammad Jawad Larijani, was expected to fly to New York by the end of this week to give Iran's definitive answer after weeks of ambiguous responses.

Then Iran announced an invitation to Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, to visit Tehran.

It has now become clear that the invitation to the Secretary-General was intended as a substitute for Mr Larijani's trip to New York.

Speed on the wing replaces the gun

By Andrew Morgan

A female peregrine falcon called Oscar poised on the wrist of its owner before swooping off for one more practice run. The falcon is one of several being used on Tulchan Estate in Scotland in the ancient art of grouse-hawking. It made ornithological history when it was artificially inseminated to produce a chick called Omar last June. This week, Oscar is participating in the more energetic pursuit of hunting grouse on the Scottish moors, where the speed of a bird's eye and wing is providing an alternative to the shotgun. Oscar's owner, Mr Martin Jones, chairman of the Hawk Board, has just arrived on Tulchan Esate, at Advie, Morayshire, at the start of a six-week holiday. He is only one of a handful of falconers from Britain and the Continent who rent moors to take part in the pursuit, which dates back to the seventeenth century. With Mr Jones, who makes falconry equipment in Huntley, Gloucestershire, is his ghillie, Mr Chris Gilchrist, a warehouseman from Sparkwell, Devon, and the dogs Becky, an English pointer, and Shula, an Irish setter. The ghillie is carrying a "cadge" to transport the birds over the heather. When a covey of grouse is found, a dog will go "on point" and remain motionless. The falcon is then released and circles the area, often flying a half-mile circuit to gain lift. A whistle is then blown, the dog moves in and lifts the grouse. At this point, the falcon, which has been kept hungry to sharpen its reactions, swoops towards the grouse from heights of up to 1,000 ft and at speeds of 100 mph. The falcons's talons force the grouse to the ground and its neck is broken.

(Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

Rust tells of his lone peace mission to Moscow

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(who actually have a contract with a West German magazine).

During an 80-minute statement to the packed courtroom on Moscow's Vorovsky Street, Herr Rust claimed that the 500-mile flight across Soviet air space which gripped the imagination of the world, was linked to the abortive Iceland summit between President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, last October.

"Last autumn in Reykjavik, the US President and the Soviet General-Secretary met," he told the court in a monotone. "I wanted to see what would come from the summit. I found it a shame that there were no positive results. These past events affected me alot."

Herr Rust, who has been under interrogation for over three months in Moscow's Lefortovo KGB jail, explained that he had not properly considered the consequences of his flight. "I almost never thought about what would happen once I had landed my plane," he said.

The German-speaking Soviet lawyer assigned to conduct the defence did not speak as Herr Rust delivered his testimony. When he finsihed, he was questioned by Judge Robert Tikhomirov, and the two lay assessors present under the Soviet system.

He answered some of the questions with an embarrassed grin.

At one point, the judge admonished the young German, saying that although he described himself as a defender of peace, there might have been some other way to make his point. "I thought of these possibilities, but I did not think they would have a big enough resonance," Herr Rust replied.

He said that he was aware that anti-war movements existed in West Germany, but he himself was not a member and had wanted to do something much bigger. He told the court – which included 25 Western reporters – that he did not inform his family about his plan to go to Moscow ahead of the flight.

Herr Rust was smuggled into the rear of the court in a mini-van, with all its windows carefully blocked out, well before proceedings began.

Although his flight led to the dismissla of the Soviet Defence Minister and a shake-up in the military command, the trial attracted remarkably little attention from morning rush-hour commuters. The handful who turned up outside the court building were outnumbered by scores of Western newsmen waiting in the rain.

Herr Rust, who has been reported by West German diplomatic sources to have formed a "trusting" relationship with his KGB interrogators, said that he had charted his flight between March and April of this year, six months after the collapse of the summit following disagreement over Washington's "Star Wars" programme.

He told the court that he had maps for the journey in a single-engine Cessna plane, which was chartered from the Hamburg aero club where he trained as a pilot. The plane is now being held by the Soviet authorties and could be confiscated as part of the sentence.

During the flight, he said, a Soviet military aircraft had approached him after he was an hour into Soviet territory, but after visual contact it turned away and he was not interfered with again until he reached Moscow

Herr Rust explained that after flying his plane to the centre of the city, he finally spotted the massive Rossiya Hotel, which indicated to him that he was close to his destination.

He added that upon circling Red Square, he found nowhere to land because of the milling crowds. "But I have a lot of experience in landing planes in small spaces," he told the court.

He then chose a spot near the Kremlin's famous Spassky Tower, where there were no pedestrians and only about half a dozen cars, and touched down without causing any panic.

The young pilot used no notes to deliver his testimony, which he had apparently memorized while in jail.

Conference sketch

Minding their bees and cruise

It is two minutes to eleven on the last morning of the SDP conference and a vote on amendments to local government is about to take place. A young man comes to the dais to make a point of order. He is worried that they are being asked to vote on 8b when it was not on the agenda. Shirley sighs. More explaining.

"If you look at 8A and 8b you'll see that there's a big A and a little bee and we are addressing little bee. The speaker was suggesting that little bee be remitted, so this is a resolution for remitting little bee. Please show your cards for the remission of little bee. Those in favour of little bee please show."

Little bee earns remission. It is now eleven o'clock and Emergency Motion 5 is called. Emergency Motion 5 expresses the hope that there will be progress in the negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union for an agreement on strategic nuclear weapons and urges the Government to make arrangements with the United States and Soviet governments for the verification of the removal of cruise missiles. Mr John Roper from Barnet is the man chosen to propose it.

There are 23 empty seats on the platform, but their number is reduced by the entry of Mr Robert Maclennan, who has a chat with Dr Dick Mabon while Mr Roper tackles the big issue. "... irrespective of military consequences ..." says Mr Roper. Above him on the platform, Mr Charles Kennedy is on his knees chatting to Shirley. "... freeze the level of existing weapons ...". Mr Kennedy gets up from his knees and leaves the hall quietly. Shirley shuffles papers.

"... the first nuclear arms reduction since the war! ..." Back on the platform, Julia Neuberger is writing a speech and a large woman to her left is yawning. Mr Maclennan, his face balanced on his hand, looks serious. "... cannot be agreed by the superpowers over our heads ..." Mr Cartwright is busy writing. Mr Bill Rodgers and Shirley sift through papers. "... Madam president, I beg to move". Mr Roper returns to his seat.

A Lord Kennet emerges from the audience to talk of Star Wars. "... that is what multilateral disarmament means ...", he says. Above and behind him, a blonde woman in a floral dress waves to a pal in the audience, Bill and Shirley chat among themselves and Danny Finklestein, leader of the Young Social Democrats, enters carrying a briefcase. Julia Neuberger hands him some envelopes. "... There is nothing wrong with basic thrust ..."

It is the turn of Mr John Godfrey from Camden to speak on nuclear war. Mr Cartwright, the blonde woman, the large woman, Danny Finklestein, Julia Neuberger, Bill and Shirley are now all busy writing speeches. Mr Godfrey is reaching his conclusion. "... by 1991 we may not need nuclear weapons!" A single but enthusiastic clap comes from the floor. Shirley looks up.

"Thank you very much indeed, John", she says. "I now call on Bill Rodgers to respond."

Bill stands and, as he does, his little desk rises too. Some of those on the platform stop writing. "I welcome this chance ...", he begins, and a lady with a trayful of coffee enters from the back of the stage. "... we have consistently resisted a major increase in ..." The coffee lady offers a cup to Mr Cartwright, who carries on writing, then to Mr Maclennan, who says a polite thank you, and then to Shirley, who accepts, even though she had drained a cup only a few minutes ago. "... There is no contradiction whatsoever ..." By now, most of those who had been writing have resumed, though Mr Maclennan still makes the effort.

"... that is the way we must continue. Thank you." Bill has come to the end of his speech. Mr Maclennan takes a sip from his cup.

"I now put Emergency Motion Five to conference. Please show" says Shirley. The delegates on the floor hold up their cards. "That is overwhelmingly carried", reports Shirley, cheerily. It is now just after eleven thirty. At Portsmouth, the world is safe once more for you and me and all the little bees.

Craig Brown

Superconductor claim

By Robert Matthews

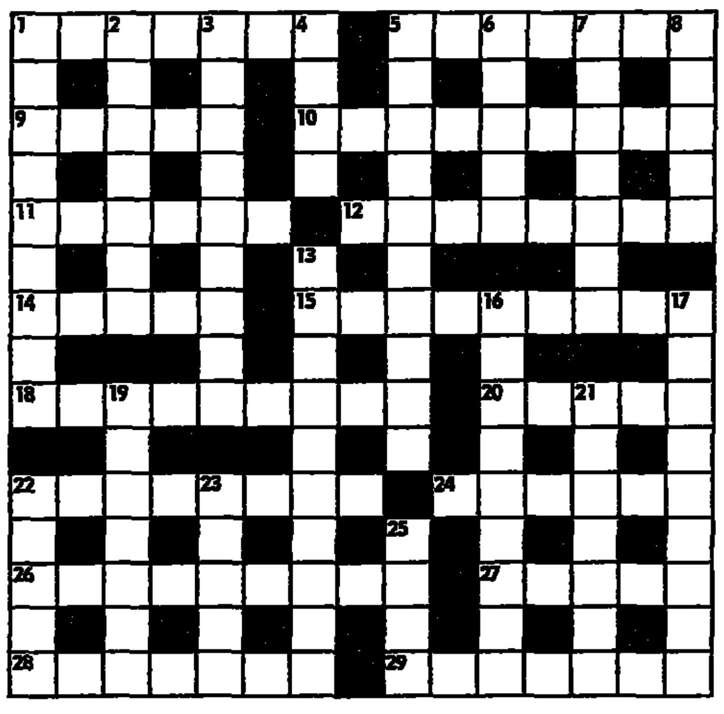
Scientists in the United States claim to have found a way of making industrially useful components out of ceramic superconductors, which lose all electrical resistance when chilled with liquid nitrogen.

The breakthrough, made by a team of scientists at the Oregon Graduate Center in collaboration with Northwest Technical Industries in Washington state, will speed the development of applications for the ceramic materials such as intensely powerful superconducting magnets.

To date, the natural brittleness of the ceramic superconductors has held up the exploitation of the materials.

The new technique uses explosives to create shock waves which force together the powdered materials. The team, reporting its work in the latest issue of *Nature*, says that it has been able to make components up to 24 cm long, and up to about 1 lb in weight.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,452



ACROSS

1 Seafarer's face smashed – luck almost held (7).
5 Reach court at last in disgrace (7).
9 Sort of day we get at the close of year's final months (5).
10 Procession in jest for decapitated rebel (9).
11 Rather dull stuff? (6).
12 Mug and steal to afford cosmetic surgery (4-4).
14 Scour the bush country (5).
15 Lead frail old sweetheart inside to dance (9).
18 Henry used to be a railway worker (9).
20 To discharge is not fitting (5).
22 Some words that may mean 'stir' (8).
24 Small poem to a swan? (6).
26 Roughen up and banish (9).
27 Bottom note held badly (5).
28 Players taught to shoot straight? (7).
29 Medusa: a silly name for a musician (7).

DOWN

1 Brother makes no charge against mother and child (9).
2 Purée of bloaters: not a seafood delicacy (7).
3 Rate reserve used by politician on the stump (6-3).
4 One metre in height (4).
5 Constables may be seen here when main road is cheekily obstructed (3,7).
6 Listen to office brief (5).
7 Rossini's girl in Algiers, for example, is often sloshed on gin (7).
8 Negotiate a reward (5).
13 Disturbed, can assault gifted father (5,5).
16 Play Hindu god under no end of a strain (9).
17 Team acquires points in a break (9).
19 Game churchman is treading the boards (7).
21 So big it's used up the glue! (7).
22 Skinny person makes the top of Scafell Pike (5).
23 The best part of a candlelit evening (5).
25 Savoy perhaps has a star (4).

Concise crossword, page 10

WEATHER

General situation: An Atlantic cold front will move east across all areas. Most of Scotland, western England and *Wales will have a cloudy start with outbreaks of rain, some heavy. During the morning the rain* will give way to brighter weather. Northern Ireland will see overnight rain clearing to leave a bright day with a few showers. South-east Scotland, the Midlands, east and south-east England will have a dry and bright start, but thicker cloud with showery rain will spread from the *west later. Winds will become strong over western and northern districts.* Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Cooler and changeable with a mixture of rain and some sunshine.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	28	82	Majorca	s	30	86
Akrotiri	s	29	84	Malaga	s	28	82
Alex'dria	s	29	84	Malta	s	30	86
Algiers	f	28	82	Melb'rne	c	12	54
Amst'dm	c	19	66	Mexico C*	f	19	66
Athens	s	31	88	Miami*	s	33	91
Bahrain	s	37	99	Milan	s	27	81
Barbads*	s	30	86	Montreal*	c	17	63
Barcelna	s	27	81	Moscow	f	12	54
Beirut				Munich	r	20	68
Belgrade	s	28	82	Nairobi	f	27	81
Berlin	s	23	73	Naples	f	30	86
Bermuda*	f	30	86	N Delhi	s	34	93
Biarritz	f	23	73	N York*	c	22	72
Borde'x	f	23	73	Nice	s	26	79
Brussels	c	20	68	Oslo	s	18	64
Budapst	f	22	72	Paris	c	23	73
B Aires*	s	14	57	Peking	s	28	82
Cairo	s	34	93	Perth	c	17	63
Cape Tn	s	16	61	Prague	f	19	66
C'blanca	s	24	75	Reykjvik	s	9	48
Chicago*	s	23	73	Rhodes	s	27	81
Ch'church	f	14	57	Rio de J	s	20	68
Cologne	s	22	72	Riyadh	s	40	104
C'phagn	s	19	66	Rome	s	29	84
Corfu	s	31	88	Salzburg	f	21	70
Dublin	f	16	61	S F'risco*	s	21	70
Dubrovnik	s	28	82	Santiago*	r	7	45
Faro	s	27	81	S Paulo*	c	17	63
Florence	s	29	84	Seoul	f	27	81
Frankfurt	s	23	73	Sing'por	s	32	90
Funchal	s	25	77	St'kholm	s	17	63
Geneva	s	24	75	Strasb'rg	c	22	72
Gibraltar	s	28	82	Sydney	s	17	63
Helsinki	f	12	54	Tangier	s	25	77
Hong K	f	28	82	Tel aviv	s	31	88
Innsbrck	s	24	75	Tenerife	f	28	82
Istanbul	s	25	77	Tokyo	f	28	82
Jeddah	s	38	100	Toronto*	f	17	63
Jo'burg*	s	25	77	Tunis	th	28	82
Karachi	f	29	84	Valencia	f	27	81
L Palmas	s	26	79	Vanc'ver*	s	24	75
Le Tquet	c	20	68	Venice	s	26	79
Lisbon	s	25	77	Vienna	s	23	73
Locarno	s	25	77	Warsaw	s	20	68
L Angels*	s	22	72	Wash'ton*	s	27	81
Luxembg	c	20	68	Wel'ton	s	16	61
Madrid	s	27	81	Zurich	s	23	73

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.4	.04	17	63	dull
Bridlington	2.1	-	17	63	cloudy
Cromer	5.0	-	19	66	bright
Lowestoft	7.5	-	22	72	sunny
Clacton	4.8	-	20	68	sunny
Southend	5.1	-	23	73	bright
Margate	7.7	-	23	73	sunny
Folkestone	11.2	-	24	75	sunny
Hastings	8.2	-	23	73	bright
Eastbourne	7.9	-	22	72	sunny
Brighton	8.8	-	22	72	sunny
Worthing	9.1	-	21	70	sunny
Littlehmptn	8.5	-	21	70	sunny
Bognor R	9.1	-	21	70	sunny
Southsea	8.6	-	23	73	sunny
Sandown	6.8	-	23	73	sunny
Bournemth	7.4	-	23	73	sunny
Poole	6.2	-	*	*	sunny
Swanage	7.6	.01	23	73	sunny
Weymouth	6.3	-	22	72	sunny
Exmouth	0.1	.02	19	66	dull
Teignmouth	-	.04	19	66	cloudy
Torquay	0.1	.07	20	68	dull
Penzance	-	.02	19	66	drizzle
Scilly Isles	-	-	20	68	cloudy
Jersey	4.6	-	23	73	bright
Guernsey	5.1	.11	22	72	sunny
Newquay	-	.01	20	68	cloudy
Ilfracombe	*	-	21	70	fog
Minehead	0.3	-	20	68	dull
B'pool Airpt	2.1	.15	17	63	rain
Morecambe	1.5	.11	18	64	rain
Douglas	*	.46	17	63	bright
B'ham Airpt	4.3	-	23	73	bright
Bristol (Ctrl)	1.5	-	22	72	bright
Carlisle	2.3	.10	19	66	rain
London	5.6	-	25	77	sunny
Manchester	0.9	.07	17	63	cloudy
N'ctl-n-Tyne	0.2	-	17	63	rain
Nottingham	2.8	-	21	70	sunny
Anglesey	2.1	.73	17	63	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	-	-	19	66	cloudy
Colwyn Bay	1.2	.30	18	64	cloudy
Tenby	-	.04	17	63	cloudy
Aberdeen	3.7	.22	19	66	rain
Edinburgh	4.4	.35	19	66	rain
Eskdalemuir	3.4	.25	17	63	rain
Glasgow	6.6	.79	18	64	bright
Kinloss	7.7	-	19	66	sunny
Lerwick	5.0	.17	14	57	rain
Prestwick	6.1	.96	18	64	sunny
Stornoway	6.8	.02	16	61	sunny
Tiree	8.8	.07	17	63	sunny
Wick	6.4	.01	18	64	bright
Belfast	6.6	.62	19	66	sunny

*denotes figures not available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.25	5.6	10.12	5.7
Aberdeen	9.44	3.4	10.15	3.5
Avonmouth	2.27	9.6	3.27	9.6
Belfast	7.18	2.9	7.49	3.0
Cardiff	2.12	9.0	3.12	9.0
Devonport	12.46	4.3	1.42	4.4
Dover	6.46	5.1	7.35	5.2
Falmouth	12.16	4.1	1.12	4.2
Glasgow	8.06	4.2	8.49	4.1
Harwich	7.27	3.2	8.09	3.3
Holyhead	6.33	4.4	7.19	4.6
Hull	1.48	5.7	2.51	5.7
Ilfracombe	1.24	6.8	2.21	6.8
Leith	11.01	4.4	11.34	4.5
Liverpool	7.11	7.3	8.02	7.5
Lowestoft	5.27	2.0	6.11	2.1
Margate	7.43	3.9	8.26	4.0
Milford Haven	1.43	5.2	2.38	5.3
Newquay	12.43	5.3	1.38	5.4
Oban	1.27	2.8	3.15	3.0
Penzance	12.05	4.3	12.59	4.4
Portland	2.04	1.3	3.02	1.5
Portsmouth	7.28	3.7	8.05	3.8
Shoreham	7.03	4.7	7.53	4.9
Southampton	7.18	3.7	7.46	3.8
Swansea	1.53	7.2	2.52	7.3
Tees	—	—	12.22	4.3
W'ton-on-Nze	7.19	3.4	8.06	3.5

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.38	2.26
Austria Sch	21.70	20.60
Belgium Fr	64.40	61.20
Canada $	2.245	2.135
Denmark Kr	11.88	11.28
Finland Mkk	7.54	7.14
France Fr	10.30	9.80
Germany Dm	3.09	2.93
Greece Dr	229	219
Hong Kong $	13.30	12.60
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.10
Italy Lira	2230	2120
Japan Yen	243	230
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.30
Norway Kr	11.34	10.74
Portugal Esc	240.50	228.50
South Africa Rd	4.35	3.55
Spain Pta	205.25	195.25
Sweden Kr	10.87	10.32
Switzerland Fr	2.55	2.44
USA $	1.718	1.638
Yugoslavia Dnr	1300	1150

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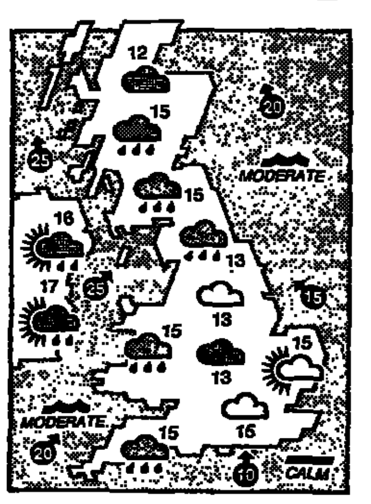
Retail Price Index: 101.8

London: The *FT* Index closed down 15.7 at 1783.2

AM



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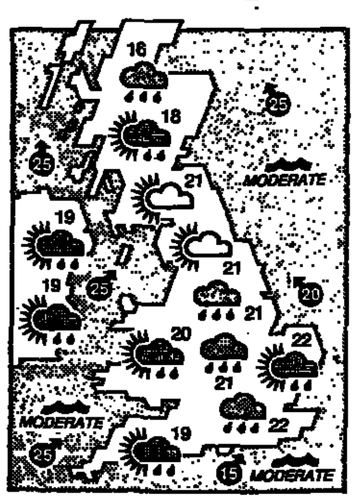

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.14 pm to 5.47 am
Bristol 8.23 pm to 5.57 am
Edinburgh 8.34 pm to 5.52 am
Manchester 8.25 pm to 5.52 am
Penzance 8.33 pm to 6.10 am

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 20C (68F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.4 hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Gatwick Airport, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Prestwick, Strathclyde, 0.96in; highest sunshine: Folkestone, Kent, 11.2 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	17	63	Guernsey	c	17	63
B'mgham	c	17	63	Inverness	f	15	59
Blackpool	f	19	66	Jersey	c	20	68
Bristol	c	17	63	London	c	19	66
Cardiff	c	18	64	M'nchster	f	19	66
Edinburgh	f	15	59	Newcastle	f	17	63
Glasgow	f	17	63	R'nldsway	f	15	59

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 21C (70F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 17C (63F). Humidity: 6 pm, 72 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.04in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.5 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1016.1 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Sun rises: 6.15 am
Sun sets: 7.44 pm
Moon rises 6.04 pm
Moon sets 12.52 am
Full moon September 7

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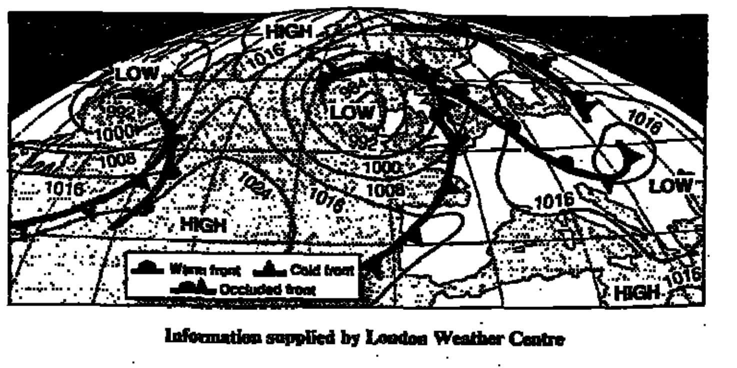

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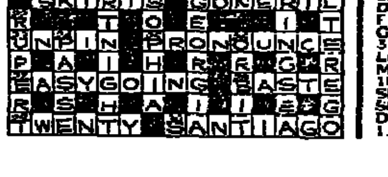

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1763.2 (−15.2)

FT-SE 100
2249.5 (−23.3)

Bargains
29106 (29790)

USM (Datastream)
208.99 (−0.62)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6505 (+0.0110)

W German mark
2.9750 (+0.0042)

Trade-weighted
73.0 (+0.2)

Western Mining in cash call

Western Mining Corporation, the diversified Australian natural resources group, plans to raise A$840 million via a one-for-four rights issue, which will not be underwritten, to help fund the further development and expansion of the group's interests.

The mining group yesterday reported a pretax profit of A$37.9 million compared with A$20.8 million for the year ended June 30 on sales revenue of A$615.6 million (A$557.3 million). The final dividend of 6 cents makes a year's payment of 10 cents.

Southern buys

Great Southern Group, the funeral directors, is taking over two more businesses in deals involving £450,000. It is buying E Carter & Son of Rottingdean, Sussex, and Alfred R W Connock of Shepton Mallet, Somerset. A number of other possible acquisitions are also being considered.

Insurers up

Composite insurers Sun Alliance and London and Guardian Royal Exchange announced interim results to the end of June yesterday. Sun Alliance made pretax profits of £104.4 million against £43 million and GRE £82.2 million compared with £56 million. **Tempus, page 24**

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2604.91 (−6.06)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	25946.60 (−171.82)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3635.86 (−8.42)
Amsterdam: Gen	314.5 (−4.0)
Sydney: AO	2179.6 (+21.9)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	2019.1 (−14.2)
Brussels:	
General	5297.7 (−13.9)
Paris: CAC	426.6 (−3.8)
Zurich: SKA Gen	595.40 (−1.3)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	n.a
FT.– "500"	n.a
FT. Gold Mines	444.9 (+6.7)
FT. Fixed interest	92.24 (+0.22)
FT. Govt Secs	85.66 (+0.68)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Rugby Portland	271p (+15p)
Persimmon	558p (+19p)
VG Instruments	573p (+15p)
H&J Quick	351p (+40p)
Lee International	398p (+68p)
Ward White	404p (+15p)
Union Discount	970p (+35p)
Gerrard	383p (+15p)
Equity & Life	350p (+15p)
Sun Alliance	1035p (+46p)
Leopold Joseph	530p (+15p)
Trafford Park	420p (+20p)
Cons. Gold	1403p (+20p)
United Scientific	277p (+12p)
FALLS:	
Shell	1382p (−16p)
Bunzl	239p (−21p)
Mountleigh	256p (−14p)
Jaguar	544p (−11p)
Samuelson	132p (−13p)
Wm Collins 'A'	750p (−25p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interbank 10¼-10⅛%
3-month eligible bills: $9\frac{29}{32}$-$9\frac{27}{32}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¼%
Federal Funds 6¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.07-6.60%*
30-year bonds $94\frac{29}{32}$-94¾*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6505	£: $1.6505*
£: DM2.9750	$: DM1.8020*
£: SwFr2.4551	$: SwFr1.4875*
£: FFr9.9566	$: FFr6.0330*
£: Yen232.47	$: Yen140.93*
£: Index:73.0	$: Index:100.5
ECU £0.696685	SDR £Closed

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $456.55 pm-$463.10
close $463.50-464.00 (£280.75-281.25)
New York:
Comex $463.30-463.80*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct.) pm$18.60bbl ($18.52)
* Denotes latest trading price

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UK reserves fall by $457m

Drop reflects Bank support for sterling

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves fell by $457 million (£278 million) last month as the Bank of England intervened to support the pound.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, said movements in the reserves were now to be expected because of the Government's policy of holding the pound stable.

The fall had little effect on sterling, which continued to benefit from high interest rates in Britain and the weaker dollar.

The $457 million drop in the reserves last month followed a rise of $499 million in July. City analysts had expected little change in August.

"Most people thought there was some intervention in the first week of last month, but not as much as occurred," said Mr John Sheppard, an economist at Warburg Securities.

The figures indicate that, prior to the base rate rise on August 6 the Bank was acting to hold up the pound. They support the view that while the main cause of the action by the Bank and Treasury to push base rates from 9 to 10 per cent was strong credit growth, there were also worries about the emerging weakness of the pound.

"There was a period in the early part of August when it was sensible to support the pound," the Chancellor said. He emphasized that, in the Government's view, the one percentage point rise in base rates on August 6 was sufficient.

"I think that the recent events have *fully vindicated* the increase in interest rates which I made during the early part of August," he said. "That is now seen to have been right and I think most people recognize that that is sufficient."

He also rejected the idea that the shift into deficit on the current account was due to a consumer boom generated to help win the general election. "There is no question of some candy floss boom," he said.

UK RESERVES
($ million)

	Level, end of month	Underlying change
Jan	21,952	+72
Feb	22,257	+287
Mar	27,039	+1,785
Apr	29,807	+2,912
May	34,679	+4,760
Jun	34,364	-230
Jul	34,915	+499
Aug	34,365	-457

Source : Treasury

In spite of last month's fall, the reserves remain at high levels. At the end of August they stood at $34.365 billion compared with $34.915 billion at the end of July.

The reserves have risen by more than $10 billion this year and stand at double the level of early last year at present.

By supporting the pound early last month — in effect counteracting some of the pre-election efforts to hold sterling down — the Bank made a profit on its intervention operations.

The actual fall in the reserves last month was $550 million. But after allowing for accruals of borrowing under the exchange cover schemes of $30 million, and repayments of such borrowing of $121 million, the underlying fall was $457 million.

Supporters of full British membership of the European Monetary System argue that, by building up the official reserves to their present high levels, the Treasury has positioned itself to enter the EEC's fixed currency framework.

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Pound races ahead to $1.65

By Our Economics Correspondent

The pound rose strongly yesterday, shrugging off the announcement of last month's fall in the official reserves. Sterling appeared to be the chief beneficiary of the dollar's weakness.

It rose by 1.1 cents to $1.6505, and also gained ground modestly against the mark, closing half a pfennig up at DM2.9753. The sterling index rose by 0.2 points to 73.0.

Dealers said the pound was underpinned by high interest rates and the belief that the next move for British rates would be upwards, despite comments by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, that the present 10 per cent level of base rates was appropriate.

But Mr Lawson's comments did have an impact in the money markets. The key three-month interbank rate dropped by a quarter of a point to 10¼-10⅛ per cent.

The dollar was hit by worries that the July US trade figures, due next Friday, would be at least as bad as the $15.7 billion June deficit.

It fell by a pfennig to *DM1.8025* and from *Y141.65* to Y140.85, despite further concerted intervention by the leading central banks. Japanese officials said the Federal Reserve Bank of New York participated in this intervention, but this had little effect on bearish market sentiment towards the dollar.

Williams profits soar despite £5.5m Norcros bid costs

By Alexandra Jackson

Costs associated with Williams Holdings' failed £570 million bid for Norcros last April amounted to £5.5 million. This does not however take account of Williams' outstanding shareholding in Norcros of approximately 2 per cent, on which the group is currently making a profit of more than £2 million.

The bid costs were treated as an extraordinary item in Williams' interim results to end-June when pretax profits soared by 234 per cent to £18.5 million. Fully-diluted earnings per share grew by 85 per cent.

Williams has a policy of increasing dividends in line with earnings so the interim *dividend was raised by 60 per* cent to 8p. The directors expect to pay a final dividend of 12p, giving a 43 per cent increase for the year.

Williams' shares have risen more than 3,000 per cent to over 900p since Mr Nigel Rudd and Mr Brian McGowan took control of the company in 1982. In order to make the shares more marketable, there will be a bonus issue of two ordinary shares for every one ordinary share.

A new management structure has been devised reflecting Williams' increasing size. Williams North America, now accounting for a quarter of group profits, will be controlled by Mr Howard Dyer, while Williams Europe will be headed by Mr Roger Carr.

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The European activities are to be further subdivided into a consumer and building products division and a military and industrial products division.

Williams continues to look for new businesses to add to its empire. A strong brand name, preferably with a niche market position, is the main criterion for a successful purchase.

Williams recently paid Reed International more than £250 million for Crown Paints, Polycell and substantial paint and DIY businesses in North America. This happened after the half-year end but there will be a five-month contribution in the second half.

There is potential to strengthen these well-established brand names in Europe, as well as building further on new North American businesses which account for 50 per cent of the newly-acquired profits. The acquisition is not expected to dilute 1987 earnings per share.

Mr Brian McGowan, managing director of Williams, believes the quality used by his management team to such effect when dealing with newly-acquired businesses is commonsense.

Analysts at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, Williams Holdings' corporate adviser, are edging up 1987 and 1988 profit forecasts to £55 million and £89 million respectively.

$156m Harper & Row deal adds international strength

Collins moves into America

By Joe Joseph

William Collins yesterday joined the scramble among the world's leading publishers to secure a firmer international footing when it agreed to pay $156 million (£95 million) for 50 per cent of Harper & Row, the prestigious US publishing house *owned* by News America, Mr Rupert Murdoch's US subsidiary.

The price of the deal, which is to be financed by a rights issue, represents the equivalent of half the sum paid by Mr Murdoch when he bought Harper & Row in May. Mr Murdoch, through News International, owns 41.68 per cent of the voting capital of Collins and will be taking up his share of the £113 million rights issue in full.

Both News International and News America are part of The News Corporation, of which Mr Murdoch is chief executive.

Mr Ian Chapman, the chairman of Glasgow-based Collins, hailed the move to buy a stake in Harper as "a once in a lifetime opportunity which will bring major benefits to our shareholders, employees, authors and customers.

"My conviction was that as an English language *publishing* house we had to have a stake in America, the world's biggest English language publishing market."

Harper has established a strong reputation for its adult fiction and non-fiction list, religious books, reference books and specialist medical and scientific journals, university textbooks, and for its wide range of children's titles. But its pretax profits have slid from $14.4 million in 1985 to $5.7 million in the year to April 1987. Revenues last year were $224 million.

Mr Chapman — who with Mr George Craig, Collins' managing director, has spent the past four months trying to whip Harper back into shape under an agreement with Mr Murdoch — added: *"If we want the big authors and world* rights, we have to be able to compete against the giants in the industry. What we need is muscle and that's what we've got through this deal."

Mr Murdoch said: "Harper & Row is one of the great publishing companies of the world, and this agreement with Collins provides the opportunity to develop a truly international book publishing business."

Collins and News America will each own 50 per cent of Harper through an associate company co-chaired by Mr Murdoch and Mr Chapman.

Mr Chapman and Mr Craig, after rejecting the idea of Collins taking over Harper when it was up for sale, were approached by Mr Murdoch, once he had gained control of the company, to become joint chief executives of Harper and try to reverse its declining profits performance. They agreed to do so on the understanding that Collins could, at a later date, take a stake in Harper.

Mr Chapman said yesterday: "I didn't *realize then* how badly managed it was, but I also didn't realize the potential that was there."

Mr Craig said Collins had already identified annual savings of at least $15 million at Harper by, among other things, cutting manning and bureaucracy and by improving paper purchasing and book manufacturing.

The one-for-two rights issue with which the deal is being financed is priced at 761p for each new ordinary share and 637p for each ordinary "A" non-voting share. News International's entitlement represents about 21 per cent of the value of the issue. Collins shareholders will be asked at a meeting on September *18 to* approve the purchase. Harper's figures will be taken into Collins from that date.

Collins yesterday also announced a rise in interim pretax profits from £5.12 million to £6.24 million, excluding an exceptional item of £1.04 million resulting from the sale of its UK technical list. Turnover rose 10 per cent to £69.17 million in the six months to June 28 and the halfway dividend rises to 3.25p

Looking to the United States: Brian Garraway of BAT

BAT soars 26% to a record £699m

By Colin Campbell

BAT Industries yesterday topped analysts' best expectations with interim pretax profits 26 per cent ahead at a record £699 million — and reiterated that the hunt for a suitable vehicle to enter the *US* financial services field was still very much on.

Mr Brian Garraway, deputy chairman, gave a warning that it would be wrong to expect the rate of profits increase seen in the six months to June 30 to be maintained in the rest *of this financial year. But after* such a good first half, and because underlying growth was still strong, the interim dividend is raised by 18 per cent to 6.5p.

Tobacco continues to dominate BATs' trading profits table and brought in £381 million (against £313 million in the first half of the previous year) out of total group trading profit of £777 million (£623 million). Financial services showed the fastest proportional growth — up from £129 million to £214 million. Paper operations showed a 6 per cent profits advance.

Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, said there were four positive points about BATs' interim statement: the balance sheet is strong; the group is now less sensitive to exchange rates; Brazil, though still a troubled economy, contributes only 7 per cent to group profits; and the planned entry into the financial services field in the US.

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Mr Garraway said the main thrust behind BATs' performance within financial services in the half-year came from Eagle Star, whose contribution rose from £95 million to £160 million, from an 18 per cent higher operating profit at Allied Dunbar, and from generally buoyant world stock markets. "The search for a large, financial services acquisition in the United States continues."

CrownX silent on B&C bid

The British & Commonwealth bid for Mercantile House reaches its first closing date today with no *indication* whether the Canadian insurance group CrownX, which has a 15 per cent stake in Mercantile, will accept the terms.

CrownX wanted to back a management buy-out at Marshall, Mercantile's money broking arm. But this business is now being sold to Quadrex, the US backed finance group, which made a rival offer for Mercantile House.

CrownX stands to make more than £20 million on its share stake in Mercantile House.

Doubled profit at Hillsdown surprises City

By Cliff Feltham

Hillsdown Holdings, the acquisition hungry food and *furniture conglomerate,* took the stock market by surprise yesterday by announcing more than doubled profits for the half-way stage of the year.

But in a lacklustre market, the shares managed just a 1p rise at 324p. Hillsdown, whose chairman *is Mr Harry* Solomon, made a pretax profit of £41.6 million compared with £19.6 million in the six months to the end of June.

This was about £5 million more than most analysts had been expecting and immediately prompted many to begin raising their own estimates for the current year to more than £100 million compared with £54.9 million last time.

Hillsdown, which has already snapped up 20 businesses this year at a cost of £300 *million* — the biggest include Maple Leaf Mills, the Canadian food group, and Fairview New Homes, the housebuilder based in the South-east — could soon be hitting the takeover trail again.

Mr Solomon said: "We will continue to make acquisitions as and when we see they are going to fit in with our future development. But if we don't make any acquisitions at all in the future we still see a tremendous amount of growth from within. Acquisitions are *merely a tool to get where we* need to be."

But he admitted the group was looking at a number of areas outside the traditional food and furniture operations.

The results show that the existing businesses made a 38 *per cent improvement* over the same time last year, going some way to defeat City criticism that Hillsdown's phenomenal advance has been achieved purely by taking over new companies.

At the same time Mr Solomon revealed that Hillsdown had invested £44 million in new plants since the beginning of this year. This includes building a new furniture factory at Scunthorpe, Humberside, to supply the Harris Queensway group.

Hillsdown said there had been *no noticeable fall in* orders from Harris Queensway in spite of its recent problems caused by overstocking.

- Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has decided not to *refer to the Monopolies and* Mergers Commission the acquisition by Christian Salvesen of certain Hillsdown Holdings assets.

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BICC to buy 80% of US cable firm

By Carol Ferguson

BICC, the cables, construction *and components group,* is buying an 80 per cent interest in Cablec, the leading US power cable company, for $96 million (£58 million) cash.

Initially, as foreshadowed earlier this summer, BICC will purchase 45 per cent of Cablec, to be increased to 80 per cent in July 1988.

Cablec made pretax profits of $0.8 million in the year to March 1987, compared with $5 million previously. Mr Biggam, chief executive of BICC, said last year's performance was depressed by manufacturing problems at one factory, now resolved, and the costs of restructuring businesses acquired.

He forecast that profits would recover in the year to March 1988 to a minimum of $5 million.

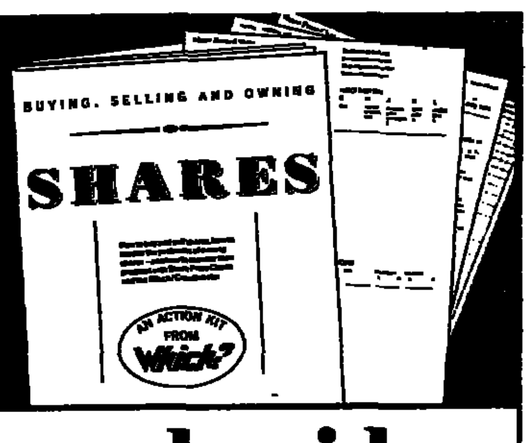
"The combined manufacturing and technical resources of Cablec and Phillips, our leading Canadian power and construction cable subsidiary, will make it possible to improve the profitability of both operations," he said.

BICC has the option to buy the final 20 *per cent* of Cablec from 1990 to 1992 for between $10 million and $54 million depending on performance. The maximum payment will be based on annual profits of between $14 million and $17 million in 1990-92.

If these profits are achieved, the total consideration is equivalent to a fully-taxed earnings multiple of 14, falling to 10 if BICC's tax position is taken into account.

The company admitted yesterday that if the earnings multiple were based on this year' profits, it would be considerably higher. However Mr Biggam said "it was misleading to look at it on a price/earnings basis".

BICC has tax losses in the US, built up over a period of time, and once the group has 80 per cent of Cablec, it can consolidate for tax purposes. BICC says it has sufficient tax losses to give tax shelter for a number of years, reducing its tax rate to under 10 per cent for three or four years.



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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Slough Estates rises to £28m at half time

Slough Estates, the property company, yesterday announced pretax profits of £28 million (£24.2 million) for the six months to June 30 and described its prospects for this year as "excellent." Earnings per share at the half-year stage were 7.4p against 6.6p last time, and the interim dividend is being raised from 2.5p to 2.8p. *Bredero Properties, in which Slough* bought a 52 per cent stake last year, has made "good progress," with a retail development programme in excess of £250 million.

Slough, Britain's biggest industrial property developer, recently announced plans to develop a £60 million, 500,000 sq ft retail warehouse park in north London. Marks and Spencer and Tesco have agreed to take 230,000 sq ft, subject to planning approval. It has obtained planning permission for the development of 165,000 sq ft of retail space at its industrial development at Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

VG's £8.5m at halfway

VG Instruments, which manufactures scientific instruments and sells them in more than 40 countries, yesterday announced profits before tax of £8.5 million (£7.5 million) for the six months to June 30. *Earnings per share* increased to 10.28p (9.3p) and the company has raised its interim dividend from 1.2p to 1.5p. Sales were up 13.9 per cent *to £44.4 million. Trading profit* was up 15 per cent to *£7.85* million.

British Dredging buy

British Dredging, the ship repair and building materials group, is buying a controlling stake in Thomas Edwards & Sons, a general builders' merchant in Birmingham, for £615,000. The balance of *the capital was* subscribed under the Business Expansion Scheme in March 1984. Thomas Edwards made a loss for last year of £320,000 after interest charges of £543,000. Turnover was £16.7 million.

Setback for Brammer

The *profits downturn* at Brammer, the ball bearing and electronics group, continued in the six months to June 30 with pretax profits falling from £6.1 million to £5.3 million. The company is maintaining its interim dividend at 4.5p. The shares fell 6p to 330p on the results. Last June the company fought off a 420p a share bid from the Bunzl paper group.

Earnings per share fell from 9.3p to 8.1p, while turnover was approximately £2 million down at £49 million. The company says that it is incurring substantial costs in developing product ranges for the British and American markets while short-term growth in earnings is adversely *affected by* the maturity of the bearing market.

Share scheme at Highland

***Highland Participants,* a fledgeling oil and gas exploration company, has approved a share subscription scheme under which Mr Peter de Savary, the financier, and associates increased their shareholdings to almost 30 per cent. On completion of arrangements, Mr de Savary will own 1.499 million shares, Mr Richard Lascelles 167,000, Mr Montague Browne 7,000, and Charterhouse Bank 233,333.**

Westland in $4.2m buy

***Westland, through its subsidiary* Westland Technologies, has acquired 60 per cent of Hermetic Aircraft International Corp for $4.2 million (£2.5 million). The balance of shares will be purchased in the next five years at a price dependent on future profits. Based in Long Island, New York, HAIC specializes in service of components featured on the Airbus Industrie A300 and A310 aircraft.**

British wool ahead

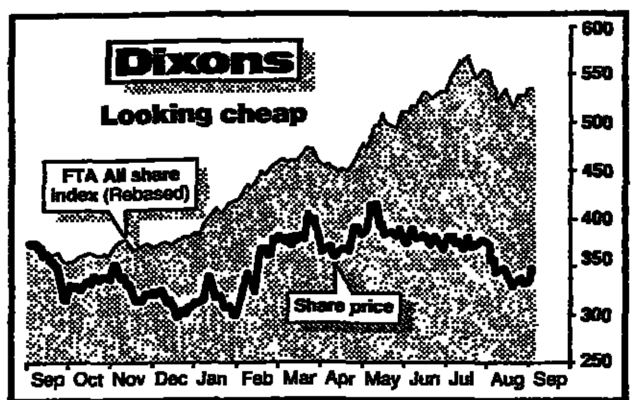
There was double proof yesterday that Britain's wool textile industry is booming. The Bradford-based British Wool Marketing Board reported record sales of British wool, and wool textile industry exporters issued figures showing they *were on course for a record year.*

The Confederation of British Wool Textiles, also based in Bradford, said total exports for the first six months of this year topped £304 million. That is 4.9 per cent up on the same period of 1986, and industry leaders are confident 1987 will beat the 1985 record of £607 million. The marketing board sold a record 46.75 million kilos of British wool in the year ending in May and exports of 29.2 million kilos were also a record.

STOCK MARKET

New York fall and Japan bond losses knock shares

By Michael Clark and *Geoffrey Foster*



The sharp overnight fall on Wall Street, on the back of a weaker dollar, set the tone for another nervous session in *London yesterday.*

Leading shares were marked lower from the outset in thin conditions and continued drifting throughout the session to close at their lowest levels of the day, wiping out all of Tuesday's gains.

Sentiment was also hit by reports that Tateho Chemical, a Japanese chemical producer, had suffered heavy losses in the bond market. Some reports claimed the final figure could be as high as 20 billion yen (£86 million). Other Japanese companies are also said to have *suffered hefty losses.* Dealers fear a knock-on effect in the world's equity markets as these companies take profits from their equity portfolios to try and make good the damage.

Fund managers remained on the sidelines, still perturbed by this week's gloomy trade figures and lingering *fears* about the economy as a whole. Institutional cash flow remains strong but continues to be sapped by the large number of companies seeking extra funds. Yesterday, it was the turn of *William Collins,* the publisher, which has asked shareholders for an extra £113 million.

Selling pressure was described as light but prices could open lower again today. Much will depend on the overnight performances of Tokyo and New York.

The FT 30 share index closed 15.7 down at 1,763.2, having been 16.6 off earlier. The broader FT-SE 100 share index also lost 23.3 at 2,249.5.

Attempting to calm fears about dearer money, Mr *Nigel* Lawson, the Chancellor, who pushed up base rates by a full 1 percentage point to 10 per cent last month, said yesterday that he thought they were high enough for the time being.

This helped gilts, which boasted gains of more than £½ at one stage, but closed below their best levels with rises at the longer end up to £¼.

Hanson Trust, the industrial conglomerate, put up a fierce rearguard action against the sellers yesterday as more *than 4 million shares* changed hands with the price closing steady at 189p.

Investors continue to nibble at the shares in the wake of last *month's $1.7 billion (£1 billion)* acquisition of Kidde Inc of New Jersey, a diversified multinational company as well as *Hanson's* better-than-anticipated third-quarter figures.

Mr Robert Gibson, an analyst at County NatWest, the broker, believes that the shares are a good "buy." He reckons that the group's last quarter will be at least as strong as the third quarter and has upgraded his full-year, pretax profits forecast by £20 million to £725 million.

● Plessey remained a flat market with the price falling 7p to 185p. The shares have been depressed by reports of a boardroom rift, which have been denied. But fund managers will, no doubt, press the point at a meeting said to be arranged with the company *next week.*

Although the shares have outperformed the market by about 5 per cent since the Kidde deal was announced, Mr Gibson claims they still have further to go in the short-term, particularly as more *good news starts to filter* through from Kidde.

Shares of **Dixons**, the leading high street electrical goods retailer, moved against the trend, climbing 3p to 347p, as more than 3 million shares changed hands.

Several leading brokers, including Dixons' own broker, Cazenove, are now taking a bullish stance on the company following the disappointing performance of the shares during the past few months.

Mr Steve Oldfield, a retail *analyst at Smith New Court,* the broker, says that the Cyclops acquisition in the US earlier this year was good for the group and confirms that trading in the US is buoyant. Mr Oldfield says: "The UK market is accelerating strongly in the wake of the temporary slow-down of the retail market in the spring." The stock *market believes that sales in* the electrical sector will continue to improve.

He adds: "There is an ADR roadshow happening in the next few weeks and the company's impressive management is bound to leave a lasting impression on US investors."

Phillips & Drew, the broker, was also a big buyer of the shares yesterday. Mr Alan Jones, a retail analyst at P&D, has taken another look at the shares. He says: "Dixons' price has come down a long way. We expect the improvement in sales to be reflected in the share price. After a difficult first half, things are looking up. The outlook is looking brighter."

The Dixons' annual report is due to be published any day.

But the remainder of the stores sector drifted lower along with the rest of the market, still worried by the possibility of dearer money following recent gloomy economic news. **Burton Group** fell by *5p to 291p,* **Etam**, *11p to* 275p, **Great Universal Stores** "A," 27p to £12.31, **Marks & Spencer**, 3p to 233p, **Next**, 6p to 320p, **WH Smith** "A," 19p to 394p and **Underwoods**, 3p to 194p.

Sears, the Selfridges and Saxone stores group and William Hill betting shop chain, lost an early lead to finish all-square at 163p as almost 3 million shares were traded. Earlier this week, speculative interest was aroused *when* Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian entrepreneur, announced that he had lifted his stake in the company to 7 per cent. But Sears would be a hard nut to crack with the entire group still valued at about £2.5 billion. The chances of Mr Holmes à Court making a full bid are regarded by most market men *as slim.*

● Laird Group, the engineer, put in a late rise last night, closing 13p higher at 328p, on whispers that a stake-building exercise is under way in the shares. Earlier this year, there were *suggestions that an offer* of 400p a share was being lined up after reports of a big American buyer.

Profit-taking left **Storehouse**, the British Home Stores and Habitat Mothercare chain, 13p lower at 375p on a turnover of 2.5 million shares.

But **Ratners**, the jewellery retailer headed by Mr Gerald Ratner, continued to benefit from several recent, glowing reports with the shares firming by 2p to 350p. Analysts claim that the group's acquisition of Sterling Inc, one of America's biggest jewellery retailers, for £126.9 million last month will provide a big boost to Ratners' earnings over the next couple of years.

Ward White, the Zodiac *Toys, Payless DIY and* Owen Owen stores group, was also the subject of a bullish circular from County NatWest. The price finished 15p higher at 404p as investors warmed to the group's expansion prospects.

According to Mr John Dickinson, an analyst at County NatWest, Ward White, which recently acquired the Whitlock motor parts chain in the United States, quickly followed by a £10 million offering of American Depository Receipts, is *due to announce an* encouraging set of interim results on September 14.

The figures will include a full, half-year contribution from the two large acquisitions made last year — Payless DIY and LCP — and pretax profits of £18 million are forecast for the group as a whole. He also pours cold water over recent market stories that Ward White is interested in bidding for MFI, given the estimated price of £600 million, but does suggest that other acquisitions cannot be ruled out.

Parkfield Group, the engineer and electrical goods supplier which recently moved up from the USM, held steady at 395p. Mr Roger Felber, the chairman, says that 93.1 per cent of the shares issued under the group's recent £29 million rights issue have been *taken* up. The Parkfield partly-paid shares also closed unchanged, at 385p.

The life insurers continued *to shrug off last week's* disappointing news that the government's private pension proposals had been postponed for six months. Sentiment here was also helped by speculation that NatWest, the clearing bank, was on the verge of bidding for a large life company. **Legal & General** moved up by 5p to 320p, after *324p and* **Pearl** *added 4p at* 383p, while **Prudential** rose 3p to £10.18.

Union Discount, the discount house, soared by 35p to *970p as the market became* excited by the announcement that Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand corporate raider, had increased his stake in the company to just above 17 per cent. Analysts are sceptical of suggestions that he might launch a full-scale bid for the company and claim that he is more likely to be *"warehousing" the stock* before selling to another predator.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	2,100	Cadbury	4,600	L&G	1,200	Saatchi	245
Alld-Lyons	1,600	Coats	923	Lloyds	1,600	Sainsbury	399
Amstrad	4,000	CU	1,900	Lonrho	1,800	Scot & N	2,400
Argyll	991	Cons Gold	1,000	Lucas	481	Sears	2,700
ASDA	1,300	Cookson	389	M&S	3,700	Sedgwick	408
AB Foods	76	Courtaulds	601	Metal Box	150	Shell	2,900
BET	2,800	Dalgety	412	MEPC	348	Smith & N	1,000
BTR	1,600	Dee	3,000	Midland	457	STC	436
BAT	6,300	Dixons	3,200	NatWest	851	Stan Chart	1,000
Barclays	1,100	ECC	281	Next	270	Storehouse	2,900
Bass	330	Fisons	1,600	P&O	257	Sun Allnce	1,700
Beecham	2,500	Gen Acc	926	Pearl	170	Tarmac	1,600
BICC	469	GEC	1,500	Pearson	165	TSB	632
Blue Circle	719	GKN	549	Pilkington	1,800	Tesco	1,300
BOC	716	Glaxo	1,000	Plessey	8,200	Thorn EMI	1,200
Boots	1,000	Globe	257	Prudential	324	Trafalgar	3,100
BPB	1,100	Granada	1,200	Racal	2,400	THF	2,300
BPCC	2,100	Grand Met	1,600	Rank	211	Turner & N	1,000
Br Aero	278	GUS 'A'	93	RHM	309	Ultramar	1,500
Br Airways	1,500	GRE	1,300	Redland	388	Unigate	337
Br Comm	850	Guinness	1,600	Reckitt	109	Unilever	1,700
Br Gas	8,200	Hamm 'A'	245	Reed	1,400	Utd Bis	1,600
Br Petrol	5,100	Hanson	4,600	Reuters	441	Utd News	635
Br Telecom	5,800	Hawker	1,200	RMC	234	Wellcome	1,100
Britoil	5,200	Hillsdown	3,400	R-Royce	8,400	Whitbrd 'A'	623
Bunzl	4,300	ICI	1,200	Rowntree	188	Woolworth	1,500
Burmah	463	Jaguar	1,300	Royal Bank	1,100		
Burton	1,800	Ladbroke	2,300	Royal Ins	10,000		
C&W	8,400	Land Sec	498	RTZ	891		

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TEMPUS

Sun and GRE look bright

Interim results from Sun Alliance and Guardian Royal Exchange, two of the big composite insurers, brought mixed reactions yesterday.

Sun Alliance's profits raced ahead of expectations to £104.4 million and the generous 33 per cent dividend increase helped send the shares bouncing 37p higher to 1026p.

GRE's profit increase to £82.2 million was in line with expectations and the hefty 50 per cent dividend increase was accompanied by the caveat that part of the increase was to reduce the disparity between the two halves. The shares lost 13p to 999p.

Both companies are strongly home-based, which has prevented them succumbing to the worst market jitters *about a downturn in* the United States.

Both consider themselves small and specialist enough to ride out yet another downturn in the American market, where storm clouds are gathering at least on the casualty side.

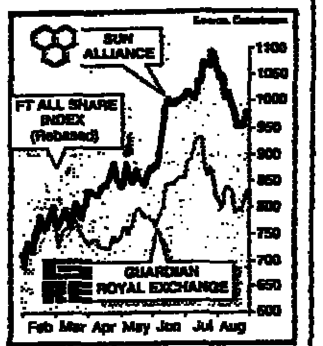
In Britain both are heavily exposed to the motor sector, which *continues to lose* money.

GRE did point to a diminishing loss in the second quarter, but claims frequency and size continue to climb. It hopes, after a 30 per cent cumulative rise in motor rates in the past eight months, it has got rates about right, but Sun Alliance is less *sanguine and expects* rates to continue to climb.

Sun Alliance's underlying British performance was seen as particularly encouraging. *Although* the underwriting loss reduced to only £27.7 million from £35.8 million, the first quarter included an unusual £74 million of weather losses.

Both companies have strengthened their solvency ratios. GRE's rose to 87 per cent at the end of June from 75 per cent at the end of *December* and *Sun Alliance* to 95 per cent from 85 per cent. Both are therefore well placed to continue dividend generosity.

Analysts are now marking up their expectations of Sun Alliance's full year profits to about £275 million, but scaling down expectations for GRE to £210 million. Sun *Alliance is clearly the hot* favourite in the insurance sector, but GRE is still a good long-term bet given its excellent dividend record.



Williams

It must have something to do with the British dislike of ostentatious success that Williams Holdings should be valued below the market's multiple, despite above average earnings and dividend growth.

On next year's 33 per cent potential earnings growth, the shares stand at a 12 per cent discount to the market.

Admittedly, the corporate activity that has fuelled Williams' more than eight-fold profits increase in 36 months has involved a flurry of paper preventing earnings from growing by more than two-and-a-half times.

But Williams, capitalized at nearly £800 million, is at the stage when leading institutional players feel obliged to include it among their core holdings.

Recent purchases have obviously had a substantial impact on *the strong interim* performance, but the rate at which they have been integrated makes it hard to strip out precise contributions. The big bite this year, Reed's paint and DIY divisions, did not contribute to these figures but will underpin profits growth in the second half and next year.

Williams is conscious of the market's scepticism of a business where growth by acquisition is more apparent than organic growth. So the *policy of fully* integrating one acquisition before moving on to the next is constantly stressed.

Williams' management appears to be a notch above the average. With strong cash flow virtually eliminating debt, the next batch of acquisitions could be funded internally. An essentially cos*metic adjustment of this kind* could do much to improve Williams' price earnings ratio, which by rights should command a premium rating.

Tasty Hillsdown

Hillsdown Holdings, the food to furniture conglomerate, picked the wrong day to announce more than doubled half-time profits. The weak market decided it was not the right time to get excited even by an *unexpectedly strong* performance of this kind and left the shares a mere 1p higher at 324p.

The shares have performed indifferently in recent months partly because of the large placing by Mr David Thompson, the co-founder, and also because the market has convinced itself that *Hillsdown, which has made* 20 takeovers this year, has become an acquisition-led company.

But the latest results demonstrate that Hillsdown is achieving superb growth out of its existing businesses and even if the hectic expansion programme should stop overnight — which appears highly *unlikely — there is sufficient* momentum in the pipeline to maintain something like 20 per cent growth over the next few years even without further acquisitions. There are few FT-SE stocks offering that kind of mouth-watering prospect.

Pretax profits for the first half came out at £41.6 million enabling payment of an interim dividend of 1.25p a share, up 19 per cent.

The existing businesses notched up a 38 per cent improvement. The highlights of the performance overall were more than doubled earnings in food processing and distribution of £10 million, and an increase in profits in fresh meat and bacon, up to £4.7 million from £1.4 million.

Gearing at the half year was 70 per cent but has risen to 130 per cent after the takeover of Maple Leaf Mills, the Canadian food company, and Fairview, the British housebuilder, and reduction clearly remains a priority.

Analysts have sharply up*graded forecasts for the full* year to about the £105 million mark compared with £54.9 million last time. A re-rating of the shares is looking increasingly overdue.

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE INTERIM STATEMENT

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Highlights from the Interim Statement

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★ 40% increase in earnings per share.

★ Interim dividend up from 10p to 15p per share.

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	First 6 months 1987 *(unaudited)*	First 6 months 1986 *(unaudited)*	Year 1986* *(audited)*
	£m	£m	£m
Premiums – short-term business	795.0	721.1	1,518.5
Investment income	101.7	91.7	202.0
Underwriting results –			
short-term business	(31.0)	(45.6)	(79.8)
long-term business	11.5	9.9	21.6
Profit before taxation	82.2	56.0	143.8
Taxation and minorities	34.3	22.0	42.1
Profit attributable to shareholders	47.9	34.0	101.7
Earnings per share	29.9p	21.3p	63.6p
Dividend per share	15.0p	10.0p	34.0p
Shareholders' funds	£1,341.1m	£1,066.2m	£1,144.7m

Results by Territories
(before taxation)

	First 6 months 1987			First 6 months 1986		
	Net Premiums	Underwriting Result	Investment Income	Net Premiums	Underwriting Result	Investment Income
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Australia	38.6	(4.4)	8.0	35.0	(5.8)	7.2
Canada	65.6	(1.3)	6.5	60.5	(0.9)	5.8
Germany	137.9	(7.5)	13.3	118.9	(7.4)	11.2
U.K.	313.5	(14.7)	44.0	274.4	(26.6)	37.7
U.S.A.	68.4	1.8	8.0	82.4	(2.9)	9.3
Miscellaneous	171.0	(4.9)	21.9	149.9	(2.0)	20.5
	795.0	(31.0)	101.7	721.1	(45.6)	91.7

Life New Business

	First 6 months 1987	First 6 months 1986
	£m	£m
New Sums Assured	3,283.6	2,789.3
New Annuities per annum	72.9	70.4
New Annual Premiums	41.5	34.1
New Single Premiums	156.3	135.2

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Union Discount rises 35p as Brierley increases stake

By Lawrence Lever

Shares in Union Discount, the independent discount house, rose 35p to 970p yesterday, after the announcement that Mr Ron Brierley's IEP Securities has increased its stake from 14.9 per cent to 17.2 per cent.

IEP paid between 920p and 925p for 280,000 shares. Mr Brierley said yesterday that he was fully supportive of the Union Discount board and had not increased his stake as a platform to launch a bid or to put Union Discount into play.

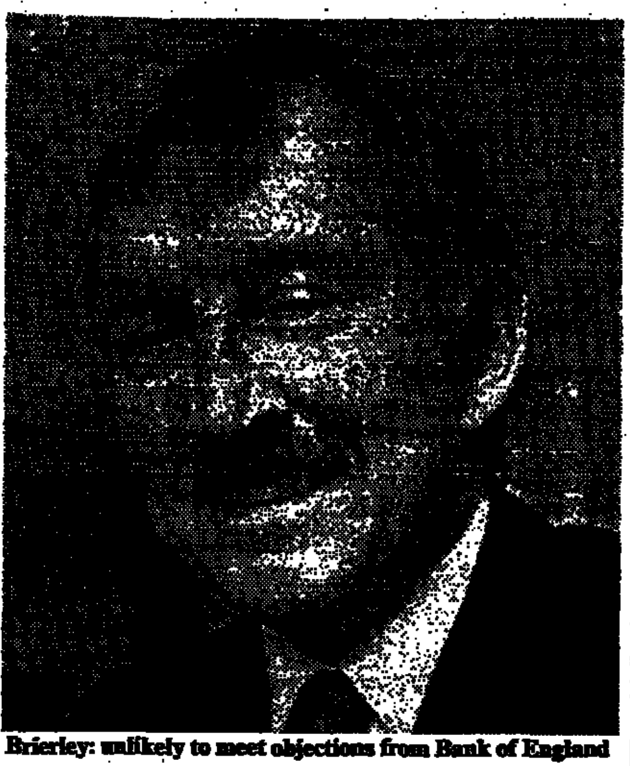
He added that IEP had increased its stake because an opportunity arose for it to buy a large line of stock at a price he found attractive.

Mr Graeme Gilchrist, managing director of Union Discount, said he had met Mr Brierley on a number of occasions, the most recent being last week. "I believe that he is a long-term shareholder. He values our independence as much as we do," Mr Gilchrist said.

Mr Brierley's tentative suggestion that IEP should be represented on the board is believed to have received a polite but negative response from Union Discount.

The purchase takes IEP above the 15 per cent level which triggers off the Bank of England's power of veto when the Banking Act comes into effect. However, Mr Brierley is already chairman of the Bank of New Zealand, and the stake in Union Discount is unlikely to meet with any objections from the Bank of England.

Other leading shareholders in Union Discount are the Kuwait Investment Office, with about 10 per cent, and M&G with 7 cent of the company. Mr Brierley already has substantial stakes in a diverse range of other British companies.



Brierley: unlikely to meet objections from Bank of England

Bunzl leaps 56% to £42.2m

By Carol Ferguson

Bunzl, the paper and plastics distribution company, announced a sparkling first-half performance yesterday. Pretax profits jumped 56 per cent to £42.2 million on turnover up 40 per cent to £660 million.

The interim dividend was increased by 20 per cent to 2.1p net. Perversely, the shares fell 25p on the announcement to 235p.

Mr Ernest Beaumont, the chairman, said he was optimistic about the second half. "Trading is favourable and we are looking forward to another very good year."

Analysts were unable to explain the steep fall in the share price. Mr Tony Pennie of James Capel, the broker, said it seemed an undeserved response. "We can't find out who's knocking the shares."

The company was active on the acquisition front throughout the first half, spending £73 million on 12 new companies, adding 1,577 new employees to the group.

As a result, cash balances fell. Net borrowings at June 30 remained low, however, at 3 per cent of shareholders' funds.

The distribution side of the business, which contributed £12.6 million in the half-year, saw margins narrow owing to the acquisition of Collins Foodservice.

Mr Beaumont said food business margins were very narrow, "but Collins was bought to give us coverage in the western United States, and there is potential on the food side."

Margins also narrowed in merchanting, owing to the buoyancy of pulp business where margins are never particularly good.

Transportation profits suffered from the severe weather in Britain in January. "Depots in the East of the country from Scotland to the South-east were out of commission for seven to 10 days because of the bad weather," Mr Beaumont said.

Mr Pennie is forecasting earnings for the year of about 15p a share, implying a prospective multiple of 16.

COMMENT

Markets unruffled by decline in reserves

The $457 million drop in the official reserves last month showed, somewhat to the market's surprise, that the Bank of England chose to sport both belt and braces in the early days of August. Sterling was held up by some reasonably solid support in the run-up to August 6, and by the higher level of base rates thereafter.

It is still the case that the immediate cause of the base rate increase was the growth of credit, although in the end everything does come back to the pound. Runaway credit growth and the emergence of a structural deficit on the current account will tip the balance against the pound in the long run.

And both trade and credit remain distinctly worrying features. Easy explanations for the £4.9 billion surge in bank lending in July should not be too readily accepted. There was a large repayment of foreign currency borrowing by companies

The market's response to the reserves and subsequent comments by Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, did, however, look about right. Although these were the sort of figures that would have driven the markets to despair when they were in their black August mood, such a response would have been misplaced.

The price for currency stability, as Mr Lawson said, is greater volatility for the reserves. That, after all, is what they are there for. And, set against the near $5 billion surge in the reserves in May, for example, last month's fall was only a drop in a very large foreign exchange ocean.

The calm reaction to the trade figures on Tuesday and the reserves yesterday offers some hint that the market's summer obsession with the minutiae of the official statistics is passing. That is only to be welcomed. The spectacle of hordes of well-paid City economists moving from one official figure to the next smacked of the unspeakable in pursuit of the unreliable.

This week, at least, markets are being driven by markets. The discomfiture of equities, apart from the longer-term concerns expressed here yesterday, was due to the nervous performance of Wall Street.

Wall Street, in turn, has been hit by the dollar's slide. In spite of concerted intervention, the dollar threatens to drop below the key levels of DM1.80 and Y140, and Wall Street is asking whether the Fed will then be forced to mount an interest rate defence of the currency.

Moving right around the circle, the ill wind that is blowing against the dollar is doing the pound some good. Set against the tumbling US bond market, the gilts market suddenly looks like a haven of stability. Whisper it, but some of those consignments of Japanese money bound for the US bond market could be diverted into gilts.

Awaiting a US deal

BAT Industries would dearly love to bury its image as a group tied essentially to the tobacco industry. But until BAT makes that long-promised leap into financial services in the United States, which together with Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar would give it a significant world presence on both sides of the Atlantic, the shares will continue to be given what is fundamentally an ungenerous rating. The faster BAT tries to move away from tobacco, the harder the task becomes. BAT, the fifth largest capitalized group in the British market whose 1986 profits still left the combined results of Hanson, BTR and Marks & Spencer behind, is already well entrenched in the world paper and retailing markets, but its investment image and profits table continues to be overshadowed by its core activities.

Tobacco, as the latest interim results show, remains, with a £381 million trading profit, or 49 per cent, the largest single profit contributor, though in percentage terms financial services are moving up fast. Profits from financial services jumped from £129 million to £214 million in the interim period to end-June and with BAT on record as seeing this as the promising growth area, a mega deal, possible in the $3 billion class, may not be that far off.

The strength of the balance sheet, the strong cash flow and the prospect that gearing — only a modest 26 per cent at last balance sheet date — will fall below 20 per cent by this year-end, should scotch any suggestions that a rights issue will be needed. On the back of stronger interim results and a respectable 18 per cent increase in the dividend, the investment attitude remains positive. Year-end forecasts have been raised from £1.6 billion to £1.62 billion and at 652p, up 3p yesterday, the shares are now on 10.1 times' earnings. The end of its search for a meaningful entry into the United States retail consumer financial services field will, in time, make today's rating look cheap.

CRH lifts profits to £12.8m at half-time

By Alexandra Jackson

A strong performance from overseas operations and acquisitions boosted half-time results at Cement-Roadstone Holdings, Ireland's largest industrial company.

Pretax profits rose in the six months to end-June from Ir£10.8 million (£9.8 million) to Ir£14.3 million (£12.88 million) on turnover 39 per cent higher at Ir£325.4 million. The interim dividend rose 7 per cent to Ir1.36p.

Businesses acquired since the end of June last year added more than Ir£2.5 million to interim profits, although currency movements depressed them by Ir£200,000.

The company is on the lookout for acquisitions to strengthen and extend its overseas interests. It has scope to do this since mid-year gearing, modestly representing 33 per cent of shareholders' funds, should fall to 26 per cent by the year-end.

CRH has already invested heavily outside its domestic market, mainly in the US, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, compensating for the dull performance from the group's southern Irish building materials interests.

Last year, the US was the largest contributor to trading profits, with 38 per cent compared to Eire's 37 per cent. The United Kingdom contributed 14 per cent and mainland Europe 12 per cent.

In the first half of this year, domestic cement sales rose 3.5 per cent but are still expected to be lower by the year end. Most other building materials' first-half volumes were down.

In the United Kingdom, CRH has progressed in the south-eastern concrete roof-tile market and will soon have reached its target 5 per cent market share.

The addition of George Wimpey's builders' merchanting operation also boosted turnover although the margins on this business are lower. Nevertheless, CRH plans to add to its merchanting side.

UK drinkers turn to quality wines

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Hot spring weather turned the thoughts of British drinkers to vermouth and, as wine sales overall continued to rise, there was increased demand for quality wines.

This emerged yesterday from the latest analysis of drinks markets by the Wine and Spirit Association which last week reported spirit sales well down in the first quarter of the year with Scotch whisky particularly affected.

Table wine sales in May rose 8.8 per cent on annual comparison, according to the association's estimates aimed at ironing out some distortions in Customs and Excise returns. The moving annual total, which more clearly shows trends, was up 7.7 per cent.

Sparkling wines, including champagne, continued to show a bigger rise, up by a fifth in May on annual comparison and 12.2 per cent up on the trends analysis.

Fortified wines, which had shown declines in the previous four months, were up 13.9 per cent in May.

The classification includes sherries and ports but vermouth sales during the burst of good spring weather contributed "significantly" to the increase, says the association. The trends analysis puts the increase in fortified wine sales at 2 per cent and the wine market as a whole is running 6.6 per cent ahead of last year.

Trade reports also indicate improved demand for quality wines, said Mr Nick Gent, the association's chairman. He added: "The modest volume increase masks a rise in the value of the market, a welcome improvement." Until now the big rise in table wine sales has been the popularity of cheaper brands selling at around £2 a bottle in the supermarkets and big off-licence chains.

The rise in the wine market has continued as sales of spirits have plummeted. In the first quarter of this year the volume of spirits released to the market was down by just over a fifth on annual comparison.

Spirits produced in Britain have been worst hit. Scotch whisky was down by almost 30 per cent while gin saw a 12.7 per cent decline. Other home produced spirits including vodka were down 12.1 per cent. Overall, home-produced spirits were down 23.6 per cent.

Imported spirits declined 16.6 per cent, with cognac the least affected at 7.6 per cent down. Other imported spirits, including rum and other brandies, were nearly a fifth down.

Beer sales in the first half of this year have overall remained at the same levels as last year, although there was an increase in production of 4.9 per cent in May and 1.4 per cent in June, according to the Brewers' Society.

Action call on unsafe vessels

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

A call was made yesterday for joint action against ships not complying with international regulations on safety and employment standards.

It came from Mr John Whitworth, director of the International Shipping Federation, at a conference in London. He called on the International Transport Workers' Federation to abandon its objective of phasing out flags of convenience.

The days when ships were owned, registered and manned in the same country were gone for good. Open registries, now accounted for almost 40 per cent of world tonnage.

The real targets were substandard ships not complying with safety and employment standards.

Mr Whitworth said the functions of ship ownership, management and operation had become increasingly separate so that owners frequently had no involvement in the vessel's day-to-day operation.

Manning costs were one of the most important variable items: "Is it in any way surprising that, against the world shipping background of vast overtonnaging, cut-throat competition and utterly depressed charter and liner rates, owners just have to seek to eliminate these cost margins over their competitors if they are to stay in business at all?"

National & Provincial first

By Amanda Pardoe

The National & Provincial yesterday became the first building society to offer a home relocation management service to businesses moving staff.

The aim is to minimize the disruption of moving house.

Under the scheme, the society guarantees the purchase price of the employee's existing home, based on the advice of two professional valuers, one chosen by the vendor, the other by the society.

Once the employee has accepted the valuation, the society will instruct an estate agent to act. Even if the house has not been sold when the employee is ready to move, the guaranteed price will still be paid.

To assist with the next purchase, National & Provincial guarantees a mortgage. It also provides a range of ancilliary services through its branch network, ranging from obtaining quotes from removal firms to contacting estate agents.

An information pack covering civic, educational, social and recreational facilities in the new area is also provided.

The charge for the service is by quotation. Mr Richard Stansfield, corporate relocation manager, says employers should expect to pay in the region of £750 to £1,100 per employee in addition to legal fees, estate agency and removal expenses.

In the event of the property not being sold when the employee finds a new house, the employer is required to pay interest to the society on the sum advanced.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Sound of wedding bulls

Two key party guests — drink industry experts Victor MacColl and John Spicer — will be missing from festivities in Dublin today following the wedding of their colleague Paul Burke, the tobacco analyst at Kleinwort Grieveson. But the extrovert duo will at least have the best possible excuse — and one to which Burke will no doubt raise a toast. His aggressively bullish tome on BAT Industries, published on August 7, included a profit forecast for the group at the top of the City range — £640 million — and yesterday his brave action was rewarded. The group unveiled a half-time profit figure of £699 million, making even his forecast look conservative. But the volume of business his research has now generated has meant that at least two of his colleagues will have to stay in the office. "Almost seven million BAT shares were traded yesterday," says MacColl, "and we must have done about half that."

Polishing up Polly Peck

Polly Peck, the oranges and cardboard boxes to televisions and pharmaceuticals conglomerate run by Turkish entrepreneur Asil Nadir, is set to boost its fast-recovering City image still further. Within the next week it will announce the appointment of 29-year-old retail analyst David Stoddart, currently with the stockbroker Capel-Cure Myers, as its group development — i.e. acquisitions — man. Stoddart, a British Steel-sponsored graduate of Aston University — who, consequently, can take off a Brummie accent better than most — starts on October 5 and will be re-united with his long-time boss, Tim Wood. Wood, who joined Polly Peck as its group treasurer this year, was previously head of retail research at Capel-Cure and, before that, worked with Stoddart in the corporate planning department at BHS. Stoddart is expected to be replaced at Capel-Cure by Peter Brooker, a former market research manager with Lasky's, who has been with rival broker Sheppards for the past 18 months.

Flotsam

In an unexpected flash of wit, another national newspaper has dubbed the Thames the Stream of Shame, with the post-revolution move of Fleet Street newspapers to riverside sites. However the hacks are clearly not yet at ease with all things nautical — the article in the *Sunday Telegraph* talks about the river "starting in the east" with the *Telegraph* and *Guardian* sites on the Isle of Dogs, then "meandering past" News International at Wapping, the new FT plant at Bankside, the *Express* at Blackfriars, and "finishing at the new *Observer* building at Battersea." All very well, but the river, despite tides, actually flows from west to east. And as all our readers know, *The Times* has always been upstream of the *Telegraph*.

"TSB instalment, R-R instalment, down-payment on BP — hope we get some overtime soon"

Life insurance

Do Bart's Hospital City Life Savers know something that Lloyd's insurance men do not? As Lloyd's chairman Mr Peter Miller today announces what are expected to be record profits of almost £300 million for the insurance market, I hear that the Bart's team will be demonstrating life-saving techniques in the foyer of the Lloyd's building. Are they wise after the event — Lloyd's troubles are supposed to be easing — or are there new horrors in store for the plagued market?

Coming up Trump

Despite repeated refusals to stand as senator, governor or mayor of his native New York, multi-millionaire property developer Donald Trump is now being heralded as a Presidential candidate. The Washington rumour-mongers sprang into action yesterday morning as a series of four-page advertisements appeared in three American newspapers — the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *Boston Globe*. Under the curious heading, "There's nothing wrong with America's foreign defence policy that a little backbone couldn't cure," 41-year-old Trump, a Republican, has had an open letter printed "to the American people," saying that the world is laughing at American politicians for "protecting ships we do not own, carrying oil we do not need, destined for allies who will not help." The letter, which cost him $94,801 to reproduce, says that Japan and other nations which have been taking advantage of the US for decades should bear the cost of such protection. Trump, who spent $190 million building the prestigious Trump Tower on New York's Fifth Avenue — where apartments sell for upwards of $1 million — is, intriguingly, refusing to confirm or deny the gossip.

● ***Can it be that the pace in the post-Big Bang City is beginning to tell? The inducement being offered to potential new recruits by one City securities house is neither a Porsche nor a cheap mortgage — but shorter hours.***

Carol Leonard

Some highly respected figures in the city.

Ladbroke Interim Results
for the half year to 30th June 1987

	£m	
Pre-tax profit	55.2	up 81%
Group turnover	969.7	up 24%
Profit attributable to shareholders	54.4	up 38%
Earnings per share	11.17p	up 40%
Dividend per share	6.05p	up 10%

Pre-tax profit up by 81%. Profit before taxation for the first six months of 1987 was a record £55.2m, an 81% increase on the £30.5m reported for the same period in 1986.

Turnover increased to £970 million. Sales for the period were 24% higher, creating another record for the group.

Profit attributable to shareholders amounts to £54.4m. Including extraordinary profit of £19.7m (£20.2m), and after providing for tax at 37% and minority interests, the profit attributable to shareholders amounted to £54.4m (£39.3m). The extraordinary profit was achieved through the sale of peripheral interests at peak prices.

Good growth in earnings per share is being achieved. Earnings per share for the first six months of 1987 were 11.17p, an increase of 40%, after adjustment for the rights issue in April this year. The increase reflects strong organic earnings growth and the effective replacement of non-core activities which cumulatively were low first-half contributors.

The interim dividend is being increased by 10%. The interim dividend for 1987 is being raised to 6.05p per share and is payable on 13th November 1987 to shareholders registered on 16th October 1987.

Ladbroke's strategy for growth is proving highly successful. The group's core divisions, hotels, property, racing and retailing, operate major businesses in their respective industries; all are prospering in growth markets.

Investment in hotels has resulted in increased sales and margins. Ladbroke Hotels is fast establishing itself as a leading operator of 4 star hotels in London and the provinces. Occupancy and tariff levels are higher as a result of the investment which has been made to upgrade accommodation and public areas to luxury standards, and by ensuring services of high quality.

The current development programme of 1,000 additional bedrooms is being achieved through the building of new hotels and extensions in locations where demand is consistently high.

Ladbroke's property businesses are all expanding. The property division, with its prime office, shopping and apartment developments, is expanding its operations in the USA and Europe. In the USA a further 1 million square feet of developments is planned by the end of 1988 to add to the 2 million square feet already completed or under construction.

In London, the division's major office properties are highly reversionary, in particular the developments at the Savoy, on Piccadilly and in Wigmore Street. The latest scheme is a 130,000 square foot development at Angel Gate, a few minutes from the City. The city centre shopping development in Birmingham has begun and the major retail scheme in the heart of Bristol will commence shortly.

The trading performance of the racing divisions continues to be outstanding. The group's retail betting business has enjoyed excellent trading in a first half which also saw credit betting produce outstanding results. In a highly competitive industry, the UK betting business maintains its pre-eminent position.

The new Satellite Information Service will be on stream in at least 400 Ladbroke shops by the end of this year.

Texas Homecare is benefiting from its strong position in a fast growing market. Sales at Texas have been consistently good throughout the period. The performance since its acquisition in April 1986 is due in large part to the strengthening of its management team, a continuing objective.

Texas, which is twice the size of the country's third largest DIY retailer, will have expanded its selling space to 5 million square feet by the end of the year and to more than 6 million square feet by the end of 1988.

The group thrives on its management strength in depth. Another very good year is in prospect.

Ladbroke Group PLC

The half year figures are unaudited. For a copy of the Interim Report please contact:
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WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) – Shares generally slipped in early trading yesterday after a wave of selling dried up and blue chips *levelled off. Brokers* largely related selling to a continuation of the programme selling which drove the market sharply lower late on Tuesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 22 points to 2,588.97. Merck was up by 4⅝ to 210. It has been receiving publicity about its new drug for lowering blood cholestrol.

On Tuesday, the Dow average dropped by 51.98 to 2,610.97 – its fifth worst loss ever in terms of points. It was the biggest drop since May 15 when the Dow average fell by 52.97.

	Sep 1	Aug 31
AMR Cp	58¾	59½
ASA	66	65½
Aetna Life	61¼	62
Allied Signal	44⅞	46¼
Allis Chlm	2¾	2¾
Alcoa	54	54¾
Amax Inc	24¾	24½
AMR Hess	36¾	37⅞
Am Brands	57¾	58
Am Cynmd	52⅞	52½
Am Ele Pwr	27	27⅞
Amexs	35⅞	37⅞
Am Home	91¼	93¼
Am Motor	n.a	n.a
Am Stand	51¾	52½
Am Telph	33¾	33¾
Amoco Cp	83¾	84½
Armco Steel	12⅛	12⅞
Asarco Inc	27½	27¼
Ashland Oil	69½	70¼
Atl Richfld	93½	94½
Avon Prod	37⅛	37¾
Bk Boston	33⅜	33⅞
Bank NY	43½	43½
Bankamer	12⅝	12⅝
Bkrs Tst NY	49⅝	50
Baxter	27¼	27¼
Beth Steel	17⅞	18¼
Boeing	51⅞	52⅞
Boise Casc	81¼	82½
Borden	60⅝	61¼
Brstl Meyr	50¾	51¼
BP	75¾	75½
Brunswick	28⅞	29½
Burl Ind	77¾	77¼
Burl Nth	76⅝	76⅞
CBS	197½	202¼
Cms Engy	17⅛	17¾
CPC Int	55⅝	55⅞
CSX Cp	38	39⅝
Cmpbell Sp	65	66⅝
Can Pacific	21	20¾
Caterpillar	61¾	61⅞
Centrl SW	32⅝	33¼
Champion	39½	40¼
Chase Man	40⅞	41¼
Chem NY	39⅞	40⅞
Chevron	57⅛	58½
Chrysler	43½	44¼
Citicorp	62⅝	62¼
Clark Eq	29¾	30
Coca Cola	50½	50⅝
Colgate	48⅝	49⅞
Columb Gas	53¼	53⅝
Cmb In Eng	42⅝	42⅞
Cmwlth Ed	32⅞	33⅛
Cons Edis	43½	44¼
Consol Ng	44⅞	44⅝
Cont Data	35⅛	33½
Corning Gl	71½	73⅞
Crane	31¼	32¾
Curtiss Wrt	68	66
Data Genl	32	32½
Deere Co	34½	35¼
Delta Airl	55⅛	56
Detroit Edi	15⅝	15⅛
Digital Eq	185⅛	189⅝
Disney	78¼	79¼
Dow Chem	96⅝	98⅝
Dressr Ind	31⅞	32⅛
Dupont	121½	124½
Duke Pwr	46¼	46
East Kodak	98¾	100⅝
Eaton Cp	99⅝	102½
Emerson El	116¾	118¾
Emery Air	11⅜	11¼
Exxon	97⅞	99⅝
Farah Inc	13⅞	14½
Fedders	8¾	8⅝

	Sep 1	Aug 31
Firestone	46⅜	47⅜
Fst Chicago	30½	31⅛
Fst Int Bncp	60¼	61⅞
Fst Penn C	10½	10½
FT Wachva	39⅝	40½
Ford Motor	106¼	108
GAF Cp	58¾	58⅝
GTE Cp	41¼	42¼
Gen Cp	109⅝	110¾
Gn Dynam	70⅞	70⅞
Gen Electric	60¾	62½
Gen Inst	43½	43⅞
Gen Mills	56½	58⅝
Gen Motors	88⅝	92¼
Gen Pub Ut	28⅜	29⅝
Genesco	5¾	5⅝
Georgia Pac	45	45⅛
Gillette	41⅜	41⅞
Goodrich	61½	63¾
Goodyear	70⅝	70⅝
Gould Inc	22⅝	22⅞
Grace Co	67½	69⅝
Grt Atl Pac	40¾	41¼
Greyhnd	41¼	41⅜
Gruman	28⅝	28⅝
Gulf & West	88⅝	86⅝
Heinz	49⅝	50⅜
Hercules	68⅜	69¼
Hewlett Pk	63	66¾
Honeywell	83⅝	84¼
IC Ind	33⅜	34
ITT Cp	63⅜	63⅝
INCO	20⅝	20⅝
Ing Rand Wl	38¼	38½
Inland Steel	31¼	31⅛
IBM	162¾	168⅝
Int Paper	51	53
Irving Bk	50⅝	50⅝
Jhsn & Jhsn	95¾	99¾
K Mart	44⅝	44½
Kaisertech	20¼	20¾
Kerr McGee	43⅝	44¼
Kimbrly Clrk	58	58½
Kraft	58¼	59⅞
Kroger	35⅞	35⅞
LTV Cp	4¼	4⅛
Litton	98½	100½
Lockheed	56⅝	57⅞
Lucky Str	33⅜	33⅞
Man H'nver	42½	43
Manville	3⅜	3¾
Mapco	58½	58⅝
Marine Mid	78	78
Mt Marieta	52	52¾
Masco	35	36⅝
McDonalds	57⅝	58¼
McDonnell	78	78½
Mead Cp	40⅞	41¼
Merck	205¼	204⅞
Minsta Mng	78½	79⅞
Mobil	52	53⅛
Monsanto	94⅞	94½
Morgan Jp	48½	49⅝
Motorola	64⅛	65⅝
NCR	79¾	82⅞
NL Indstrs	8⅝	8⅞
Nat Distill	73⅝	73⅝
Nat Md Ent	28½	29
Nat Semi	16¼	15½
Norfolk Sth	35⅝	36⅜
NW Bancrp	44⅜	45½
Occid Petl	37⅝	38
Ogden Cp	42½	43
Olin Cp	54	55⅜
PPG Ind	49⅝	48⅝
Pac Gas El	20¼	20½
Pan Am	4¾	4⅛
Penney JC	61¼	62½
Pennzoil	71⅝	72¼

	Sep 1	Aug 31
Pepsico	39⅝	39
Pfizer	71¾	70⅝
Phelps Dod	43⅝	43⅝
Philip Mor	115	117¾
Philip Ptrl	17¾	17¾
Polaroid	34⅜	35½
Primerica	45⅝	46⅝
Proct Gble	98⅜	102⅝
Pub Svc E	24½	25⅝
Raytheon	79¼	80⅝
Rynlds Metl	45	45½
Rockwell Int	26⅝	27⅛
Royal Dutch	133¾	134½
SFE Sopac	51¼	61½
Sara Lee	44¾	46½
Schlumb	45⅝	47⅞
Scott Pap	81⅛	83½
Seagram	76	77⅝
Sears Roeb	54¼	56½
Shell Trans	90⅞	90½
Singer	47⅝	48¾
Smith Beck	60	61½
Sony Cp	32⅜	33⅞
Sth Cal Edi	32⅜	32¼
SW Bell	38⅝	39⅝
Squibb	95¼	97¾
Sterl Drug	61⅞	64⅜
Stevens JP	42⅝	43⅜
Sun Comp	61½	63⅝
TRW Inc	60⅝	64
Teledyne	359	365¾
Tenneco	52⅝	53⅝
Texaco	41⅝	42⅜
Tex Eastn	38¼	38⅝
Texas Inst	72½	73⅝
Tex Utl	31⅝	31¼
Textron	34½	34¼
Travelers	46⅝	47¾
USG	44½	45
USX Cp	37⅝	37½
Unilever Plc	42¼	41⅞
Un Carbide	28⅝	28⅝
Un Pac Cp	78⅝	79⅞
Unisys Cp	44⅝	44⅝
Utd Brands	41	41½
Utd Tech	57⅝	57⅞
Unocal	39⅝	40½
Walter Jim	60¼	60⅝
Warn Lamb	81½	83¼
Wells Far	54½	54¾
Westg El	70	70¼
Weyerhsr	53⅝	55½
Whirlpool	39¼	38¾
Woolworth	54⅝	53¾
Xerox Cp	79¼	80
Zenith	29½	30⅜

CANADIAN PRICES

	Sep 1	Aug 31
Agnico Eag	37¾	37
Alcan Alum	41⅞	42⅛
Algoma Stl	19⅝	19⅝
Can Pacific	27½	27¼
Cominco	21⅛	20⅝
Con Bathrst	20¼	20⅝
Hawk S Can	29⅝	29⅜
Hud Bay M	24¾	25⅛
Imasco	34	35½
Imperial Oil	76¾	75¾
Int Pipe	54	54
Royl Trstco	16⅜	16⅜
Seagram	100	102⅝
Shelco 'A'	26¾	27
Thmsn N 'A'	32	32
Varity Cp	3.50	3.55
WCT	17¾	1⅞
Weston	43¼	43½

Managers to buy Lee Int

By Alison Eadie

Lee International, the television and film lighting company run by Mr Benny Lee and his brother John, is to go private again just 18 months after its stock market debut. The directors of Lee have made an offer for the company valuing it at £198 million, more than double its £85 million capitalization when it came to market in April last year.

Shifting the focus to America: Benny and John Lee of Lee International

The reason is Lee's $100 million (£61 million) acquisition of Panavision, based near Hollywood and one of the world's leading designers and renters of cameras to the film industry.

The acquisition would have overgeared Lee and diluted earnings so much that the Stock Exchange indicated the enlarged group would no longer have been suitable for a listing. Panavision's short independent trading record and large size relative to Lee's raised misgivings at the SE.

The solution was to set up Westward Communications, a private company formed by *Lee directors, which has made* an offer of 360p cash or one share in Westward for each Lee share. The directors and managers of Lee are taking up shares and their acceptances account for 61.7 per cent.

Scrimgeour Vickers, the stockbroker, is technically making the offer for Lee on behalf of Westward. Citicorp is lending Lee $219 million *(£133 million) to buy* Panavision, refinance Panavision's and Lee's existing debt and for additional working capital.

Lee's directors not involved in Westward are recommending the offer. Lee's shares rose 70p to 340p on the news.

Mr Peter Foster, the finance director, said the focus of the company would now be in America. Westward would *probably be floated on the US* stock market before the end of next year, he added.

Lee has estimated its pretax profits to the end of May at £9.5 million against £6.9 million and is recommending a final dividend of 2.3p, making 3.3p (1.5p) for the year.

Rugby in $35.7m American sell-off

By Alexandra Jackson

Rugby Cement Group has sold its one-third interest in RC Cement, the holding company for three American cement plants, for $35.7 million (£21.7 million), a profit over book value of £5.4 million.

Rugby's share in River Cement, Hercules Cement and Signal Mountain Cement operating in Missouri, Pennsylvania and Tennessee respectively, contributed £2.6 million to Rugby's 1986 pretax profits of £35.5 million.

Rugby earned £16.5 million trading profit from cement-related activities in Britain last year, but has been expand*ing its non-cement activities* at home and in the United States. In *1986*, the group made £10.5 million trading profit from joinery and timber businesses in Britain and £2.1 million overseas.

Mr Andrew Teare, Rugby's managing director, said the disposal was in line with the group's philosophy of maintaining full management control of its trading companies.

The money raised is to be used for the group's expansion *programme. Yesterday* Rugby announced that VP Winter, one of its US timber businesses, has bought SDG Inc, a wholesale distributor of mill*work products in Richmond*, Virginia, for $1.5 million.

Lunchtime trading for Belfast banks

By Robert Rodwell

Banks opened yesterday for lunchtime business in Northern Ireland for the first time in 39 years.

Sixteen branches of the main clearing banks in central Belfast – the Ulster, Northern, Allied Irish Banks, and the Bank of Ireland – abandoned the one-hour lunchtime closing which the Irish Bank Officials' Association had defended in recent years against management efforts to impose all-day working.

Banks throughout Northern Ireland have closed for lunch since 1948.

Union agreement to concede lunchtime opening was recently given in return for a 5½ per cent pay rise. The clearing banks had insisted it was essential to counter the drift of customers to the building societies which do not close at lunchtime.

The banks say that all-day working will not spread to Ulster's provincial towns and to their suburban branches for at least six months.

"Today is the start of an introductory phase and there is no commitment that all branches will eventually open at lunchtime. The decision in each case will be related to competition and customer demand," Mr Bill Brown, the banks' spokesman, said.

APPOINTMENTS

Coutts names two new directors

Coutts & Co: **Mr Warwick Newbury** and **Mr Stuart Wells** are made associate directors.

Confederation of British Industry: **Dr Arthur Foord** has been appointed Northern region director.

Contibel: ***Mr RD Fenhalls***, **Baron Robert Vaes**, **Baron Gay de Wouters** and **Viscount van Zeeland** join the board.

Barbara Attenborough Associates: **Mr Philip Warburton** is named a non-executive director.

Lepra: **Mr Neil Winship** is made a director.

Ernst & Whinney: **Mr Roger Griffiths** becomes a partner.

NFC Distribution Group: **Mr Martyn Pellew** becomes sales and marketing director.

Richards Butler: **Mr Ian Fletcher** is made a partner.

Black Horse Agencies: **Mr David Woodcock** has been made deputy chief executive.

Rugby Securities: **Mr Andrew Wilson** becomes a director.

PR Consultants Scotland: **Mr Ian Macdonald** is made non-executive chairman.

Communication Investments: **Mr Douglas Brown** becomes chairman and **Mr David Wharrie** managing director. **Mr Malcolm Beer**, **Mr Michael Boorah**, **Mr David Elyan**, **Mr Raymond Farrow**, **Mr Andrew House**, **Mr Kenneth Knight** and **Mr Phillip Parkin** are made directors.

Sjoviktraal Group: **Mr Steve Stevenson** joins the board.

MIM: **Mr John Shelley**, **Mr David Gillan**, **Mr Donald Walker** and **Mr Ratan Engineer** become directors.

Edward Erdman: **Mr Peter Shearman**, **Mr Bob Walsh**, **Mr David Lowe** and **Mr Mick Hodgson** are made partners.

David Woodcock: new post at Black Horse Agencies

Steve Stevenson: board *member of Sjoviktraal*

Ferranti Computer Systems: **Mr W Breekhuizen** has been made deputy managing director.

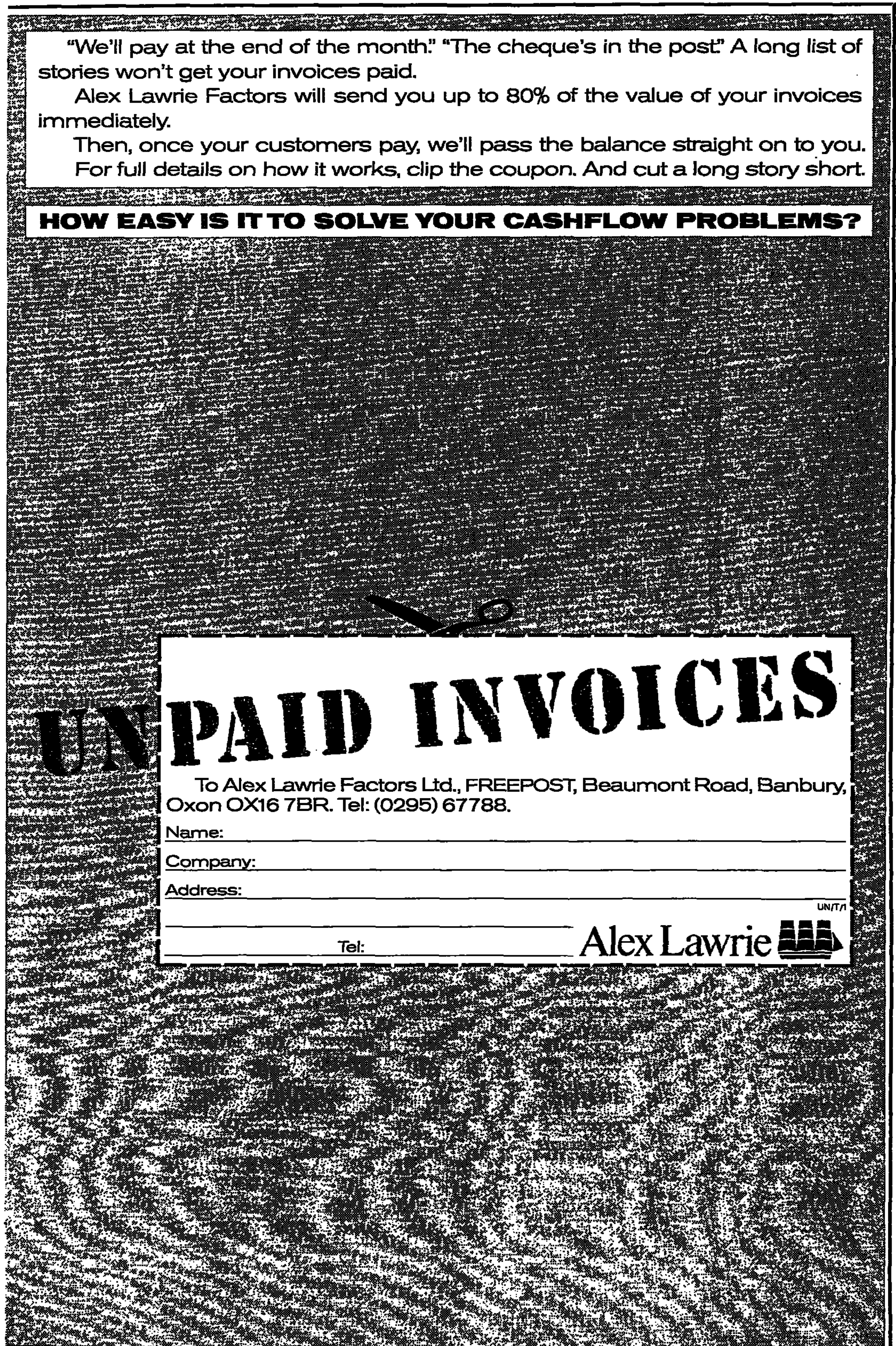
Promat: **Mr Alan Higgins** becomes a director.

Versatec: **Mr David Hanna** is made president.

Criterion Assurance Group: **Mr Richard Humble** has been made executive director and head of operations and **Mr Patrick Murphy** executive director and head of the sales and training division.

Nissan Motor Manufacturing (UK): ***Mr Ron McIntosh*** *joins as project* director.

Beatson Clark: **Mr Laurence Hill** and **Mr David Probert** are named non-executive directors.



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Call options were taken out on: 2/9/87 Amstrad Consumer Electronics, NMW Computers, Control Securities, Helical Bar, Dares Estates, SEP Industrial Holdings, Greenwich Resources, Belhaven Brewery Group, Amber Day Holdings, Bula Resources, Apricot Computers, Stormgard, Rotaprint.
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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Allied Lyons (*414)	390	37	47	60	9	14	18
	420	18	30	43	22	28	35
	460	6	17	27	52	57	60
British Airways (*192)	170	27	—	—	2	—	—
	180	20	34	42	4	11	14
	190	13	—	—	8	—	—
British Comm (*489)	500	25	42	55	23	32	38
	550	7	20	32	63	68	70
	600	2	8	18	112	113	113
British Gas (*170)	165	13	21	—	5	9	—
	180	6	13	18	14	17	20
	200	2	7	11	32	33	34
BP (*369)	300	74	85	—	2	5	—
	330	48	63	72	6	11	18
	360	28	43	52	14	22	28
Britoil (*325)	300	38	49	59	11	16	19
	330	19	33	43	22	27	30
	360	9	21	30	43	45	46
Cons Gold (*1410)	1300	160	215	245	32	58	79
	1350	125	185	210	55	90	110
	1400	95	155	180	80	120	145
Courtaulds (*465)	420	58	74	—	5	11	—
	460	30	50	62	22	28	30
	500	14	30	44	44	48	54
	550	6	16	30	86	90	98
Com Union (*360)	330	39	53	63	3	10	15
	360	18	33	44	15	20	25
	390	6	18	29	34	38	42
Cable & Wire (*429)	360	77	92	107	2	8	17
	390	53	72	85	6	17	25
	420	32	52	65	18	28	37
	460	15	28	47	43	48	55
GEC (*207)	200	17	28	38	7	12	15
	220	8	18	27	18	22	26
	240	2½	10	19	34	36	40
Grand Met (*534)	460	83	98	—	2½	4	—
	500	48	67	75	8	15	21
	550	20	38	48	33	40	48
	600	6	20	28	70	73	80
ICI (*1538)	1400	163	208	—	6	18	—
	1450	120	167	195	12	30	45
	1500	83	133	163	27	45	62
	1550	52	103	130	50	68	83
Land Securities (*547)	500	60	75	93	8	16	23
	550	23	50	65	27	37	43
	600	9	25	42	60	65	68
Marks & Spen (*234)	220	22	30	38	4	10	12
	240	10	19	27	13	19	21
	260	5	11	18	29	30	31
Rolls Royce (*111)	100	18	23	30	4	7	10
	110	11	17	24	7	12	15
	120	6½	12	20	15	18	21
	130	4	9	—	22	23	—
Shell Trans (*1377)	1350	73	128	158	52	73	102
	1400	50	102	132	75	98	128
	1450	30	82	113	110	127	158
Trafalgar House (*360)	330	40	53	—	2	7	—
	360	18	33	48	15	22	25
	390	8	20	30	35	38	42
TSB (*132)	130	8½	13	17	3½	5½	7
	140	3½	8	12	11	13	13½
	150	2	4	7½	19	21	21½
Woolworth (*350)	325	32	—	—	7	—	—
	330	—	45	57	—	17	23
	350	19	—	—	22	—	—
	375	12	30	—	37	45	—
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Bass (*926)	850	100	115	—	8	17	—
	900	60	80	103	25	40	48
	950	33	55	58	50	67	73
GKN (*391)	330	68	79	85	4	7	10
	360	43	57	63	10	13	17
	390	24	40	47	20	24	28
	420	14	29	38	38	42	46
Jaguar (*544)	500	57	83	97	5	18	27
	550	27	52	68	23	38	47
	600	10	30	45	60	70	73
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad (*172)	140	36	45	53	2	8	10
	160	19	33½	41	6	15	19
	180	8	21	31	14	25	30
Beecham (*533)	460	77	90	—	2	6	—
	500	40	58	73	3	15	20
	550	9	30	45	23	35	43
	600	2	13	24	70	73	75
Boots (*306)	280	31	42	52	1½	6	10
	300	17	27	40	7	13	27
	330	2	14	23	25	29	29
BTR (*337)	300	40	47	57	2	7	11
	330	13	26	38	7	18	23
	360	3	14	24	27	35	40
Blue Circle (*479)	425	60	73	—	2	9	—
	450	38	58	—	4	17	—
	475	22	42	—	17	25	—
De Beers (*1565)	1100	450	470	—	—	10	—
	1200	350	375	—	5	40	—
	1300	250	290	—	30	60	—
	1400	155	120	—	—	—	—
Dixons (*347)	321	32	—	—	3	—	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Dixons cont	330	—	38	48	—	12	16
	360	—	22	30	—	26	28
Glaxo (*1696)	1650	85	155	195	23	65	85
	1700	50	120	170	45	85	105
	1750	27	95	145	73	115	135
	1800	13	80	120	110	145	165
Hanson (*187)	160	—	33	36	—	2	3
	165	23½	—	—	½	—	—
	180	9	18	21	2½	7	9½
	200	1¾	8	12	15	18	20
Sears (*164)	140	25	29	34	1	3	4
	160	9	17	23	3	8	11
	180	1½	9	15	18	21	24
Tesco (*186)	167	19	29	—	1½	5	—
	183	9	18	29	7	11	16
	200	2	12	22	17	22	28
Thorn EMI (*660)	650	27	52	77	15	27	30
	700	7	25	55	47	57	62
	750	3	15	35	92	95	97
	800	1½	8	22	142	142	142
THF (*247)	240	15	24	33	6	13	18
	260	5	15	22	17	23	26
	280	1	8	12	34	38	42
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAA (*132)	130	15	20	26	8	11	14
	140	10	15	21	14	16	19
	160	4	8	—	28	30	—
Brit Aero (*500)	460	58	78	90	15	25	33
	500	35	55	65	33	42	50
	550	17	37	—	68	77	—
BAT Inds (*652)	550	112	130	—	2	7	—
	600	70	90	102	11	18	25
	650	38	60	72	33	40	57
	700	18	38	70	63	67	72
Brit Telecom (*267)	240	36	—	—	4	—	—
	260	24	34	44	12	18	26
	280	15	24	32	24	28	32
Cadbury Schwpps (*271)	240	38	49	55	4	7	9
	260	25	34	40	10	14	17
	280	14	23	29	21	23	25
Guinness (*352)	330	37	48	55	9	17	20
	360	19	30	37	22	25	33
	390	9	20	—	43	47	—
Ladbroke (*434)	403	42	—	—	10	—	—
	443	20	—	—	28	—	—
	460	13	28	38	40	45	50
LASMO (*363)	300	71	86	95	4	11	16
	330	50	63	73	14	19	25
	360	31	45	57	25	30	39
Plessey (*185)	180	20	28	37	11	16	22
	200	11	19	26	23	25	34
	220	4½	11	—	38	41	—
P & O (*697)	638	68	95	—	7	15	—
	688	40	63	—	22	32	—
	750	13	35	—	63	70	—
Prudential (*1016)	950	95	127	140	22	32	45
	1000	62	95	110	40	62	67
	1050	40	70	85	67	77	90
Racal (*304)	260	53	64	—	4	8	—
	280	38	51	62	9	16	20
	300	27	41	50	18	26	30
RTZ (*1275)	1200	130	205	240	50	75	105
	1250	105	180	215	70	105	135
	1300	85	160	195	95	155	170
	1350	68	140	—	130	170	—
Vaal Reef (*144)	130	21	24½	29	5½	10	12½
	140	15	19½	24	8½	13½	18
	150	10	14½	—	12	18	—
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Barclays (*565)	500	90	107	127	9	15	20
	550	52	70	87	20	30	40
	600	23	45	57	50	57	62
Midland Bank (*451)	448	40	62	—	17	30	—
	485	22	40	—	42	50	—
	522	10	—	—	72	—	—
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Lonrho (*299)	255	47	55	—	1	3	—
	273	30	41	—	2½	6	—
	300	11	27	36	11	15	23
	330	3½	14	21	39	35	40
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£104)	102	2	2	—	7/16	¾	—
	104	15/16	1 1/16	—	1 13/16	2 9/16	—
	106	9/16	9/16	—	2 7/16	3 9/16	—
	108	3/32	7/32	—	4 9/16	[illegible]	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£113)	110	4¼	4⅜	5 7/16	1¼	2¼	2⅜
	112	3	4 3/16	4 7/16	1⅞	3	3¾
	114	2	4⅜	3½	3	4	4 9/16
	116	1 9/16	2 9/16	—	4¼	5¼	—
	118	27/32	1⅝	—	5¾	6½	—

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Oct	Calls Nov	Calls Dec	Puts Sep	Puts Oct	Puts Nov	Puts Dec
FT-SE Index (*2252)	2150	115	145	168	—	17	28	40	—
	2200	80	112	135	157	30	45	57	70
	2250	50	83	107	127	55	68	82	93
	2300	30	60	83	105	85	98	107	120
	2350	20	42	62	—	123	132	140	—
	2400	9	30	47	—	168	170	175	—
	2450	5	18	—	—	212	215	—	—
	2500	3	12	—	—	260	263	—	—

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FT-SE Index. Calls 2928. Puts 2442

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CEGB to warn Parkinson over pricing of electricity

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

A price control formula for privatized electricity on the principles used for the gas industry could make it uneconomic to build a new family of nuclear power stations, the Central Electricity Generating Board will warn Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy.

A simple formula, restricting price rises to retail price inflation less a percentage to promote efficiency gains, was used when British Telecom was privatized. It was recognized that this could not be used for gas, because so much of the costs of British Gas stemmed from fuel bought at prices strongly influenced by the world market.

The gas price formula therefore allowed increases in purchased fuel costs to be passed on to customers.

Bought-in fuel supplies, chiefly coal, are also the biggest single cost in producing electricity. So it would be hard to impose a price control formula on the BT model.

But if fuel costs could be passed on, as for gas, a privatized electricity-generating company would suffer little risk from rising oil or coal costs. In those circumstances, it would be uneconomic to undertake the high capital costs and long-term risks of building nuclear power stations.

It is much cheaper to build power stations using fossil fuels, such as coal, oil or gas, although they cost more to run. And interest costs on the capital needed to build power stations are the second biggest element in electricity charges.

Lord Marshall: strongly in favour of PWR programme

Parkinson: about to decide on structure of the industry

The Government committed itself in its election manifesto to developing nuclear power. It wants to build a family of pressurized water reactors (PWRs) as an insurance policy against rising world fuel prices and strikes in the coal industry. Lord Marshall, the CEGB *chairman*, is also strongly in favour of the PWR programme.

Mr Parkinson will shortly have his first formal meeting with other ministers most concerned with electricity privatization to discuss the future structure of the industry, which he has determined to decide in principle before the end of this year.

It has already become clear that potential contradictions between priorities for privatization and the nuclear programme will rank high on the agenda.

A strong conflict has already emerged between the nuclear programme and any plan to introduce large-scale competition in the industry by splitting the CEGB into competing generating companies.

Smaller companies would be unlikely to want — or be able — to undertake the risks of building large nuclear stations. The CEGB will use this argument as part of its case for being privatized intact.

But large-scale competition would appear to be the only alternative to imposing some kind of price control on the privatized industry.

Moroever, there are doubts over whether existing nuclear stations could be sold to the public, especially if the CEGB lost its monopoly.

Virtually all the CEGB's eight first-generation Magnox stations will need to be decommissioned by the end of the century, at massive costs which can, as yet, only be roughly estimated.

The CEGB calculates that the stations have a net value of £1.5 billion, the difference between projected revenue over their remaining lives of £7.5 billion and projected costs, including decommissioning, of £6 billion. But the CEGB admits that these figures are open to wide variations.

It had to make extra back-provisions of more than £400 million for nuclear fuel *reprocessing and waste disposal* in its 1986-87 accounts. Some observers in the industry believe that when full costs of decommissioning are taken into account the Magnox stations have a negative value.

The CEGB concedes that its second generation of gas-cooled nuclear power reactors, the AGRs, were a poor investment and are likely to make a loss on their total lifetime costs. They can, however, make a healthy running profit if the investment is written off, as was the case with Concorde.

There would also be question marks over the large-scale *payments* and annual subsidies paid by the CEGB for development of the proposed third generation of fast-breeder reactors by the UK Atomic Energy Authority.

Lord Marshall has already said that no fast-breeder power station is likely to be operating for at least 50 years. It might therefore be difficult to justify continuing payments as being in shareholders' interests, especially if the economics of nuclear power in the private sector were unclear.

The Government is anxious to avoid large direct state subsidies to the nuclear industry, however, as this would undermine the economic argument for nuclear power.

Wilson up as housing stays firm

By Alexandra Jackson

The continuing strength of the private housebuilding market helped Wilson (Connolly) Holdings, the Northamptonshire housing and property group, to increase its half-year profits to end-June by 34 per cent to £13.7 million.

The interim dividend was raised from 0.8p to 1p.

Wilcon Homes sold 1,280 units, 7 per cent more than in last year's first half. The average price rose by 16 per cent to £43,000, enabling Wilcon to maintain its healthy margins.

By the end of the year between 2,500 and 2,600 houses should have been completed. Land prices are rising fast but Wilcon has managed to secure its requirements at satisfactory prices, although this is becoming more difficult.

The incidence of contract completions led to trebled first half-losses of £600,000 from Wilcon Construction. But this business should make a profit *by the year-end*. Housing and construction activities contributed 84 per cent of interim pretax profits.

Property sales more than doubled to £1.2 million following the sale of retail developments in Rotherham and Sheffield.

Although the group is trading out many of its older investment properties, profits on rental income, which rose 16 per cent to £952,000, should remain steady.

Mr Lyn Wilson, chairman of Wilson (Connolly) said: "The group is in good heart and I am confident of being able to report a satisfactory position at the year-end."

The shares rose 3.5p yesterday to 377.5p.

GKN in £8.3m Australian industrial services buy

GKN, through its 66 per cent owned Australian subsidiary, GKN Kwikform Industries, a public company, has agreed to acquire Macbro Rental which is based in Sydney. The price is Aus$15 million (£6.5 million) in cash, plus the issue to the vendors of 800,000 new ordinary shares in Kwikform currently valued at about £1.8 million.

This acquisition is a significant move for Kwikform and further expands GKN's industrial services sector activity in Australia. Macbro, with sales of £2.9 million and net assets of £2 million, made a pretax profit in the year to last June 30 of £1.1 million. Mr Barry McDonald, the chief executive and principal shareholder, will continue as a consultant to assist in the significant expansion planned by Kwikform in this area.

In brief

● **INTERNATIONAL CORONA RESOURCES:** Nine months to June 30. Net income Can$5.83 million (£2.7 million) before unusual items and Can$47.83 million including an unusual gain in the second quarter. For 1986 there was a loss of Can$1.65 million before unusual items and a loss of Can$951,000 after.

● **ROYEX GOLD MINING:** First nine months of 1987. Loss, before unusual items, of Can$2.19 million (£1 million) compared with a loss of Can$2.01 million last time. Including unusual items, primarily a gain of Can$86.97 million on the sale of the interest in Mascot Gold Mines, net income rose to Can$85.67 million. There were no unusual items in the corresponding period of 1986.

● **NORTHGATE EXPLORATION:** The group has sold 4.33 million common shares under its previously-announced public *offering in the US. The shares* were priced at $8 a share and total proceeds were $34.7 million (£21 million). The new shares started trading on the NYSE on August 31.

● **FLETCHER CHALLENGE:** Year to June 30. Pretax profit NZ$508.5 million (£189 million), against NZ$258.8 million. Sales NZ$5.82 billion (NZ$4.27 billion). Dividend 13.0 cents (12.5 cents).

● **WESTERN MINING:** Year to June 30. Net profit Aus$83.50 million (£36.6 million), against Aus$27.96 million. One-for-four issue at $5 a share to raise Aus$840m.

● **LAIDLAW GROUP:** Goode Durrant now owns or has received acceptances for 7.68 million ordinary shares (90.06 per cent) and has declared its offer unconditional as to acceptances.

● **F COOPER:** The company has acquired Map's business and fixed assets, including the company name, for £200,000 in cash together with its stocks at valuation. Map, which is based in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, manufactures and distributes a range of plastic products to the hardware trade. The company has acquired the fixed assets of Map at a discount of £350,000 to the net book value. In addition, it will acquire the stocks of Map at a valuation which will not exceed £550,000.

● **CHRISTY HUNT:** The group has made a purchase invitation to shareholders to apply for ordinary shares on the basis of four new ones for every one held at 90p each in relation to the underwritten cash alternative in respect of the offer by Christy for Deritend Stamping.

● **REA BROS:** Interim dividend 0.65p (0.45p) for the six months to June 30. With figures in £000: Pretax profit 1,082 (1,165). Earnings per share 1.00p (3.02p). On the basis of the proposals being adopted, the directors intend to recommend a final for 1987 of not less than 1.1p.

● **MINERALS OILS AND RESOURCES SHARES FUND:** Final dividend of 15 cents per share, payable on November 27.

● **INVESTMENT AB BEIJER:** Six months to June 30. With figures in Swedish kronor. Income, before allocations and tax, 635 million (£61 million) against 197 million. Sales 1,176 million (710 million).

● **VICTAULIC:** Figures for six months to end-June. Interim dividend 1.75p (1.25p). Figures in £000. Turnover 25,055 (22,470). Trading profit 3,267 (3,020). Profit before tax 3,290 (3,028). Tax 1,230 (1,250). Earnings per share 11.0p (9.37p).

● **CLONDALKIN GROUP:** Agreement has been reached for a US subsidiary to acquire Fortune Plastics for $18 million (£11 million) in cash.

● **EASTERN GROUP:** The companies in the group are raising Aus$51 million (£22.7 million) by underwritten renounceable rights issues on varying terms, while one of them, the Magnet Group, has also placed 11.75 million ordinary 10-cent shares with Walhalla Mining at 10 cents a share. The issues are 50 per cent underwritten by Paul Morgan and 50 per cent by associated companies of the group.

● **COMALCO:** First half of 1987. With figures in Aus$m. Earnings before extraordinary items 36.6 (£16 million), against 35.1. Extraordinary items 12 (106.2). Net earnings after extraordinary items 48.6 (loss 71.1). Turnover 934 (898). A substantial improvement in earnings is expected in the second half. Interim dividend 3 cents (1 cent), payable on November 5. Comalco is 67 per cent owned by CRA, in which RTZ made a 49 per cent interest.

● **MARY KATHLEEN URANIUM:** With figures in Aus$000. Six months to June 30. Pretax earnings 741 (£324,000), against 1,093. No interim dividend. Preparations are under way for the voluntary winding up of the company and the distribution of funds to shareholders. Mary Kathleen is 51 per cent owned by CRA in which RTZ has a 49 per cent interest.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range September 2	Market rates close September 2	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6430-1.6510	1.6500-1.6510	0.39-0.36prem	1.21-1.16prem
Montreal	2.1622-2.1727	2.1698-2.1727	0.18-0.08prem	0.53-0.40prem
Ams'dam	3.3475-3.3566	3.3490-3.3532	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-3⅞prem
Brussels	61.69-61.99	61.71-61.91	19-17prem	56-52prem
C'phgen	11.4353-11.4769	11.4470-11.4550	¼prem-½dis	¾-1½dis
Dublin	1.1148-1.1179	1.1161-1.1171	10-4prem	20-9prem
Frankfurt	2.9714-2.9794	2.9730-2.9776	1½-1⅜prem	4⅝-4¼prem
Lisbon	233.31-235.27	234.30-235.27	65-125dis	240-330dis
Madrid	199.33-200.21	199.67-199.95	85-120dis	195-250dis
Milan	2150.28-2159.10	2154.49-2159.10	4-7dis	14-18dis
Oslo	10.9005-10.9276	10.9065-10.9247	1⅞-2⅜dis	9¾-10¾dis
Paris	9.9402-9.9726	9.9495-9.9638	1⅝-1⅜prem	5⅜-4¾prem
St'khlm	10.4495-10.4847	10.4700-10.4847	1-⅝prem	3⅜-2⅞prem
Tokyo	231.90-232.79	232.40-232.79	1⅜-1prem	3⅞-3⅜prem
Vienna	20.90-20.99	20.96-20.99	10⅝-9½prem	31½-29¼prem
Zurich	2.4505-2.4590	2.4527-2.4567	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-3⅞prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 73.0 (day's range 72.8-73.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	3.7232-3.7396
Australia dollar	2.2800-2.2980
Bahrain dinar	0.6180-0.6220
Brazil cruzado*	79.4211-79.8631
Cyprus pound	0.7770-0.7870
Finland marka	7.1800-7.2200
Greece drachma	225.25-227.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.8480-12.8590
India rupee	21.21-21.41
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4580-0.4620
Malaysia dollar	4.1300-4.1400
Mexico peso	2435.0-2485.0
New Zealand dollar	2.6700-2.6800
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.1400-6.1800
Singapore dollar	3.4574-3.4612
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4456-5.5406
S Africa rand (com)	3.3421-3.3510
U A E dirham	6.0100-6.0500

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4710-1.4740
Singapore	2.1005-2.1015
Malaysia	2.5095-2.5105
Australia	0.7199-0.7204
Canada	1.3149-1.3154
Sweden	6.3550-6.3600
Norway	6.6200-6.6250
Denmark	6.9500-6.9550
West Germany	1.8060-1.8067
Switzerland	1.4910-1.4920
Netherlands	2.0340-2.0350
France	6.0385-6.0435
Japan	141.15-141.25
Italy	1308.0-1309.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.53-37.56
Hong Kong	7.8060-7.8070
Portugal	141.80-142.20
Spain	121.10-121.20
Austria	12.70-12.72

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	89.54	89.67	89.50	89.66	985
Dec 87	89.42	89.60	89.37	89.57	5667
Mar 88	89.51	89.64	89.46	89.63	178
Jun 88	89.54	89.65	89.50	89.65	100
Sep 88	89.42	89.55	89.41	89.55	21
Dec 88	89.39	89.39	89.39	89.55	14
Mar 89	89.48	89.48	89.48	89.50	20
Jun 89	NT	—	—	89.46	0

Previous day's total open interest 15855

Three Month Eurodollar	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	92.66	92.68	92.61	92.62	949
Dec 87	91.95	91.97	91.85	91.88	5536
Mar 88	91.61	91.61	91.50	91.52	551
Jun 88	91.36	91.36	91.26	91.26	424
Sep 88	NT	—	—	91.04	0
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.86	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.69	0
Jun 89	NT	—	—	90.53	0

Previous day's total open interest 33032

US Treasury Bond	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	86-13	86-13	85-07	85-08	1152
Dec 87	85-11	85-18	84-09	84-12	8270
Mar 88	NT	—	—	83-16	0

Previous day's total open interest 5096

Long Gilt	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	114-31	115-04	114-15	114-26	870
Dec 87	115-01	115-14	114-14	114-31	31392
Mar 88	NT	—	—	115-02	0
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	

Previous day's total open interest 34881

FT-SE 100	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	227.80	227.80	224.50	224.70	1997
Dec 87	231.30	231.60	229.90	229.30	95

Previous day's total open interest 6835

Japanese Government Bond	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	104.25	104.25	103.10	103.10	40
Dec 87	104.00	104.00	102.20	102.35	911

Previous day's total open interest 368

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 9¾

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 9¾ Low 8
Week fixed: 9½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying 2 mnth $9\frac{21}{32}$ 3 mnth $9\frac{23}{32}$
Selling 2 mnth $9\frac{25}{32}$ 3 mnth $9\frac{27}{32}$

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9¾-$9\frac{21}{32}$ 2 mnth 9⅞-$9\frac{13}{16}$
3 mnth $9\frac{29}{32}$-$9\frac{27}{32}$ 6 mnth $10\frac{1}{16}$-10

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10⅛ 2 mnth 10½
3 mnth $10\frac{11}{32}$ 6 mnth $10\frac{11}{16}$

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9¾ close 8
1 week 9¾-9⅝ 6 mnth $10\frac{7}{16}$-$10\frac{5}{16}$
1 mnth $9\frac{15}{16}$-$9\frac{13}{16}$ 9 mnth $10\frac{9}{16}$-$10\frac{7}{16}$
3 mnth 10⅛-10% 12 mth 10⅝-10½

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 9½ 7 days 9½
1 mnth 9⅝ 3 mnth 9⅞
6 mnth 10⅛ 12 mth 10⅜

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth $9\frac{15}{16}$-$9\frac{11}{16}$ 2 mnth 10⅛-10
3 mnth $10\frac{7}{16}$-$10\frac{5}{16}$ 6 mnth 10⅜-10⅛
9 mnth $10\frac{11}{16}$-$10\frac{7}{16}$ 12 mth 10⅞-10⅝

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth $9\frac{13}{16}$-$9\frac{11}{16}$ 3 mnth 10⅛-10%
6 mnth $10\frac{7}{16}$-$10\frac{5}{16}$ 12 mth $10\frac{7}{16}$-$10\frac{5}{16}$

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 7.05-7.00 3 mnth 7.20-7.15
6 mnth 7.50-7.45 12 mth 8.05-8.00

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar
7 days 6⅞-6⅝ call 7-6
3 mnth 7⅜-7¼ 1 mnth 7⅛-7
6 mnth 7⅝-7½

Deutschemark
7 days 4-3⅞ call 4-3
3 mnth 4-3⅞ 1 mnth 4-3⅞
6 mnth 4⅛-4⅜

French Franc
7 days $7\frac{7}{16}$-$7\frac{5}{16}$ call 7⅛-6⅝
3 mnth 8⅛-8⅝ 1 mnth 7⅝-7⅜
6 mnth $8\frac{13}{16}$-$\frac{11}{16}$

Swiss Franc
7 days 2-1¾ call 2¼-1¾
3 mnth 3⅝-3⅜ 1 mnth $3\frac{11}{16}$-$3\frac{9}{16}$
6 mnth 4-3⅞

Yen
7 days $3\frac{9}{16}$-$3\frac{7}{16}$ call 3¼-2⅞
3 mnth 4⅛-4 1 mnth $4\frac{1}{16}$-$3\frac{15}{16}$
6 mnth $4\frac{3}{16}$-$4\frac{1}{16}$

BULLION

Gold:$463.50-464.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $462.00-465.00 (£279.50-281.50)
Mapleleaf (per 1 ounce coin): $476.00-481.00 (£288.00-291.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $108.50-109.50 (£65.75-66.50)
Platinum $610.00 (£370.25)
Silver $7.72-7.75 (£4.675-4.695)

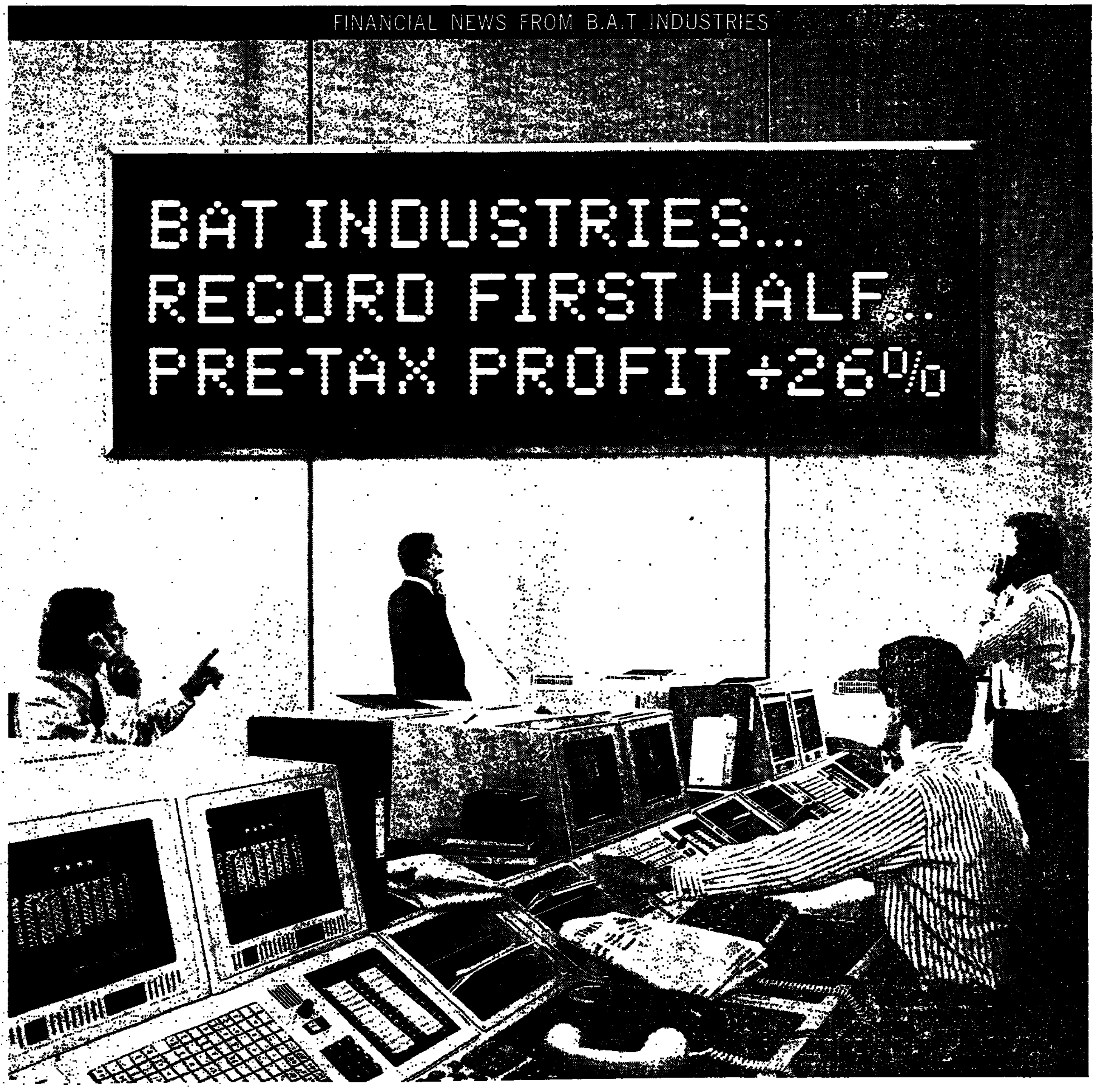
ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 28, 1987. Agreed rates for period September 23, 1987 to October 25, 1987. Scheme I: 11.24 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.31 per cent. Reference rate for period August 1, 1987 to August 28, 1987. Scheme IV: 10.037 per cent.

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

FINANCIAL NEWS FROM B.A.T INDUSTRIES


BAT INDUSTRIES...
RECORD FIRST HALF...
PRE-TAX PROFIT +26%

SIX MONTHS RESULTS
£1 = $1.61 at 30.6.87 ($1.48 at 31.12.86)

	6 months to June 1987	6 months to June 1986	Change
PRE-TAX PROFIT	£699M	£554m	+26%
EARNINGS PER SHARE	28.21P	22.27p	+27%
INTERIM DIVIDEND	6.50P	5.50p	+18%

• Record first half, strong underlying profit growth. • Financial services profit up 66 per cent – Eagle Star, Allied Dunbar, Canada Trustco all do well. • Export success in Japan adds to very good tobacco results. • In retailing, strong growth at Argos and Marshall Field's performs well. • Paper maintains good performance, with increased contribution from wood pulp.

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1987 INTERIM RESULTS — HIGHLIGHTS

Swire Pacific Limited

Results Swire Pacific Limited's profit before extraordinary item for the first half of 1987 was HK$1,098.3 million compared with HK$613.1 million in the equivalent period in 1986, representing an increase of 79.1%. There were no extraordinary items (1986, extraordinary profit: HK$1,382.2 million). The unaudited consolidated results for the six months ended 30th June 1987 were:

	Six months ended 30th June		Year ended 31st December
	1987 HK$M	1986 HK$M	1986 HK$M
Turnover	9,478.0	7,050.5	16,603.6
Operating profit	2,044.8	955.2	2,929.2
Net finance charges/(income)	191.4	(2.8)	168.2
Net operating profit	1,853.4	958.0	2,761.0
Share of profits less losses of associated companies	93.4	59.6	115.1
Profit before taxation	1,946.8	1,017.6	2,876.1
Taxation	383.7	191.6	474.2
Profit after taxation	1,563.1	826.0	2,401.9
Minority interests	464.8	212.9	617.2
Profit before extraordinary item	1,098.3	613.1	1,784.7
Extraordinary item	—	1,382.2	1,382.2
Profit attributable to shareholders	1,098.3	1,995.3	3,166.9
Dividends	298.1	231.8	801.8
Retained profit	800.2	1,763.5	2,365.1
Earnings per share:			
'A' shares	70.5¢	39.9¢	115.8¢
'B' shares	14.1¢	8.0¢	23.2¢

Earnings per share are calculated by reference to the profit before extraordinary item in each period and the weighted average number of shares in issue in those periods, adjusted to reflect the capitalisation issue made during the first half of 1987.

Interim dividends The directors of Swire Pacific Limited have today declared interim dividends for 1987 of 19.0¢ per 'A' share and 3.8¢ per 'B' share.

	1987	1986		
	Interim	Interim	Final	Total
Dividends per share:				
'A' shares	19.0¢	15.0¢	36.7¢	51.7¢
'B' shares	3.8¢	3.0¢	7.3¢	10.3¢

The dividends per share for 1986 have been adjusted to reflect the capitalisation issue made during the six months ended 30th June 1987. The interim dividends are payable on 30th October 1987 to shareholders registered at the close of business on 2nd October 1987; the share registers will be closed from 21st September 1987 to 2nd October 1987, both dates inclusive.

The interim dividends will comprise minimum cash dividends of 1.0¢ per 'A' share and 0.2¢ per 'B' share, which are being paid in order to ensure that the shares of the Company continue to be Authorised Investments for the purpose of the Trustee Ordinance of Hong Kong, and an issue of additional shares by way of scrip dividends but shareholders will be given the option of receiving cash in place of part or all of such scrip dividends. Full details of the scrip dividend procedures will be given in a circular which will accompany the complete Interim Report to be sent to shareholders on 8th September 1987.

Prospects Good levels of profitability are expected to continue within Cathay Pacific Airways and the property division during the second half of 1987 The results of the trading division are expected to be good but conditions in certain areas of the industries and the shipping and offshore services divisions will remain difficult Prospects for the Group overall for the full-year 1987 are good and the results for the second half-year should be relatively close to those achieved in the first half. I expect that the final dividends to be recommended will be at least double the interim dividends.

H.M.P. Miles
Chairman

Hong Kong, 28th August, 1987.

Swire Pacific Limited
The Swire Group
Swire House, Hong Kong.

SUN ALLIANCE
INSURANCE GROUP

INTERIM STATEMENT

The estimated results for the six months ended 30th June, 1987 are set out below with the comparative figures for 1986.

	6 months to 30th June 1987 (unaudited) £m	6 months to 30th June 1986 (unaudited) £m	Year 1986 (audited) £m
Premium Income			
General Insurance	1,047.9	958.3	1,994.4
Long-term Insurance	393.7	305.6	704.5
	1,441.6	1,263.9	2,698.9
General insurance underwriting loss	(30.2)	(73.0)	(78.3)
Long-term insurance profits	14.1	11.5	27.3
Investment and other income	120.5	104.5	231.4
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	104.4	43.0	180.4
Taxation	29.8	9.9	43.3
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	74.6	33.1	137.1
Minority interests	4.8	3.5	10.5
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	69.8	29.6	126.6
EARNINGS PER SHARE	35.4p	15.0p	64.2p

TERRITORIAL ANALYSIS OF GENERAL INSURANCE RESULTS

	Premium income £m	Under-writing result £m	Premium income £m	Under-writing result £m	Premium income £m	Under-writing result £m
United Kingdom & Ireland	573.5	(27.7)	498.5	(35.8)	1,001.8	(16.1)
Europe	138.5	(8.9)	122.8	(12.5)	257.4	(25.7)
U.S.A.	111.2	4.1	106.4	(3.9)	234.2	(7.4)
Canada	56.4	0.9	49.5	(0.5)	110.0	0.2
Australia	28.1	(2.8)	28.2	(9.8)	63.6	(17.6)
Other overseas	69.6	(0.6)	78.4	(8.5)	162.8	(13.9)
Marine and Aviation (worldwide)	70.6	4.8	74.5	(2.0)	164.6	2.2
	1,047.9	(30.2)	958.3	(73.0)	1,994.4	(78.3)

GENERAL INSURANCE UNDERWRITING RESULTS

Premium income increased by 9.4% in sterling terms: the underlying growth after allowing for currency fluctuations was 8.3%.

At Home a significant underlying improvement in results was largely offset by the impact of the exceptionally heavy winter weather claims in the first quarter which amounted to £74m. There was a small underwriting profit in the commercial sector and, following last year's increases in rates, a marked reduction in motor losses.

In Europe better results were achieved in most countries with the exception of Holland which again accounts for the major part of the underwriting loss.

The consequences of strong rate increases in the U.S.A. last year are now reflected in an underwriting profit with particular improvement in the liability and commercial property classes.

The improving trend has continued in Canada with fewer weather claims in the early part of the year.

In Australia there was a sharply reduced underwriting loss. More favourable weather experience and savings on reserves for claims from previous years were significant factors.

Elsewhere there have been encouraging developments with good results from a number of countries.

The Marine and Aviation accounts are both showing satisfactory profits with particularly good results from marine business in the U.S.A. and from the London market aviation account.

LONG-TERM INSURANCE

New business in the U.K. reached record levels. Annual premiums increased by 28%, with strong growth in mortgage business, and single premiums rose by 74%.

INVESTMENT INCOME

Investment income increased by 15.3%. The underlying growth, allowing for the effect of exchange movements, was 13.7%.

DIVIDEND

The Directors have declared an interim dividend for 1987 of 10.0p per share (1986 – 7.5p) costing £19.7m – an increase of 33.3%. The date of the dividend payment is to be brought forward to 1st December, 1987 and will be made to shareholders registered on 5th November, 1987.

2nd September, 1987

SUN ALLIANCE AND LONDON INSURANCE plc

Unexpected boom brings Hong Kong labour shortages

From Stephen Leather
Hong Kong

Hong Kong's economy is taking off to such an extent that it has caught the Crown Colony's economists *on the hop.*

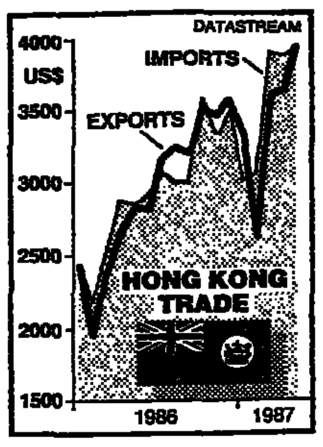
The government has had to revise completely its gross domestic product figure in the wake of an economic boom that is causing a labour shortage and threatening to increase inflation.

In his budget speech in February, Mr Piers Jacobs, the Financial Secretary, said confidently that the 1986 GDP figure would be 8.7 per cent. But now the government has revised that upwards to a hefty 11 per cent.

And when Mr Jacobs gives his mid-term economic review on September 21, he seems *certain to upgrade his* 6.2 per cent estimate of GDP for 1987. His figure is likely to be revised to about 9 per cent, though some local economists are now saying that 12 per cent is a more credible estimate.

The boom is coming on the back of soaring sales of Hong Kong products on world markets.

The Hong Kong dollar is linked to the United States currency at a fixed rate of HK$7.8 to US$1. As the American dollar has tumbled in value, Hong Kong's goods have become increasingly competitive compared with other *Far Eastern manufac*turers such as South Korea and Taiwan.



There are no signs of the boom tailing off. July's trade figures showed that exports were up 42 per cent on the same month last year to HK$ 35 billion (£2.8 billion).

Hong Kong has also bene*fited from an export boom in* China, where exports were up 24 per cent in the first half of the year. That in turn boosts Hong Kong's re-export figures.

There are now fears that the Crown Colony's economy is overheating. Inflation seems certain to rise and businesses are now finding themselves so busy that many are short of workers.

The unemployment rate has now dropped to 1.8 per cent with manufacturers and construction companies increasingly finding themselves short-staffed.

Already the government housing department has agreed not to penalize building firms who cannot meet deadlines. Instead, contract deadlines are being extended by up to three months.

Local companies have been calling on the government to relax immigration rules to admit more foreign workers. Other firms are trying to increase productivity by bringing in more automation wherever possible.

The soaring economy was reflected in a host of record results from Hong Kong companies last week.

The HongKong & Shanghai Bank, one of the world's largest banks in terms of capital strength, reported an 18 per cent profit rise to *HK$1.4 billion (£112 million)* in the half year to June 30, well above analysts' forecasts, most of whom were looking for 12 per cent.

Hang Seng Bank (Hong Kong's largest Chinese Bank and a subsidiary of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank) produced interim profits 17 per cent higher in the wake of a surge in demand for home loans.

Hong Kong's airline, Cathay Pacific, revealed a 64.4 per cent jump in interim profits to HK$829 million (£66.3 million).

The colony's big trading companies *produced* a crop of excellent figures on Friday, with Mr Li Ka-Shing's Hutchison Whampoa empire revealing interim profits up 63 per cent to HK$862 million

Swire Pacific reported a 79-per cent increase in profits to HK$1.09 billion, all reaping the benefits of increased trade and rising property values.

Sales of electrical products up in UK

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

British sales of electrical installation products, such as plug and light sockets and switching systems, rose in value in the past year. Exports, however, tumbled 10 per cent, the Electrical Installation Equipment Manufacturers' Association reported yesterday.

Sales in Britain of domestic and commercial products were up 6 per cent to £272 million in the 12 months ended last March, while industrial products rose 3.6 per cent to £130 million. Exports, under pressure from low-cost producers abroad, dropped by a tenth to £85 million.

Mr Ray Nicholas, the association's president and managing director of Midland Electric Manufacturing, said that with growing activity in the building and construction industries, it looked as if the trend towards sales improvements in Britain would continue.

But there are worries about sales in Britain because of increasing import pressures linked to preferential pricing. The export scene for British makers was described as "par*ticularly gloomy*" *by Mr Ken* Jackson, the association's director.

The situation was being offset to some extent, however, by some of the British *manufacturers setting up pro*duction abroad, which improved the returns to Britain while apparently reducing export sales, he added.

Kensington Palace flats to be designed by YRM

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Regalian Property, which paid about £20 million for two-thirds of an acre of the most expensive land in London, in Kensington Palace Gardens, close to Kensington Palace, has appointed YRM Architects and Planners to design the block of 20 exclusive flats which will be built on the site.

Regalian paid a record price, equivalent to £30 million an acre, for the land sold by the Crown Estate Commission.

The Commission had already received planning permission for a nine-storey block of 41 flats, but Regalian, which was selected as the developer in June, decided that 20 spacious flats with four or five bedrooms, and selling at more than £2 million each, would be more in keeping with the exclusive and prestigious area.

Although its scheme was drawn up by an in-house design team, it wanted to put design in the hands of a leading international architectural practice. YRM Architects and Planners were selected from a shortlist of four.

The block will be set in fully landscaped gardens and protected by tight security measures. The flats will be built with a flexibility to allow them to be adapted to individual requirements at a relatively late stage.

YRM Engineers was similarly selected from a shortlist by Regalian to carry out the services engineering for the project.

The design team will be in close liaison with Building Design Partnership, consultant to the Crown Estate Commissioners, and with the *Royal Fine Arts Commission* and other conservation bodies.

Recent work by YRM Architects and Planners includes the north terminal at Gatwick airport, the extension to the Gatwick Hilton International Hotel, and the refurbishment of the Michelin building in London.

Quick interim profit triples to top £1.5m

The H&J Quick group has turned in a three-fold increase on last year's interim with profits of more than £1.5 million. Turnover has risen to £71.35 million (£60.14 in 1986 interim). A 1.75p interim dividend is announced against0.75p in 1986.

Mr Norman Quick, the chairman, claims the 2.2 per cent return on sales is comparable to other volume motor retailers.

Manchester-based Quick, which has five car dealerships and two truck dealerships, is the largest Ford-only franchise in the country. Sales of new cars are *similar to last year* — despite the closure of the Cheadle dealership in October 1986. Truck division sales have risen by 11 per cent.

FINAL REMINDER

THE FLEMING PROPERTY UNIT TRUST

Offers are invited for the entire portfolio of the Fleming Property Unit Trust by 12 noon on Thursday 17th September 1987.

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Widespread losses

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 24. Dealings end September 11. §Contango day September 14. Settlement day September 21.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 24.)

Portfolio —Gold—

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Expamet	Industrials E-K	
2	Unitech	Electricals	
3	Br Vita	Industrials A-D	
4	Mersey Docks	Shipping	
5	Powerscreen	Chemicals,Plas	
6	Addison Cons	Paper,Print,Adv	
7	Markheath	Property	
8	Caffyns	Motors,Aircraft	
9	Mecca Leisure	Leisure	
10	Cookson (aa)	Industrials A-D	
11	Halstead (James)	Chemicals,Plas	
12	ERA Gp	Drapery,Stores	
13	Vinten	Industrials S-Z	
14	Alumasc	Industrials A-D	
15	Boase Massimi	Paper,Print,Adv	
16	ML Hdgs	Industrials L-R	
17	Stand Chart (aa)	Banks,Discount	
18	Bramall (CD)	Motors,Aircraft	
19	Headlam Sims	Shoes,Leather	
20	Parkdale	Property	
21	TNT	Industrials S-Z	
22	Sater	Industrials S-Z	
23	Regalian	Property	
24	Ferranti	Electricals	
25	Merlin Intl	Property	
26	Home Counties	Newspapers,Pub	
27	Waterglade	Property	
28	Thames TV	Cinemas,TV	
29	Helical Bar	Property	
30	Nthn Foods	Foods	
31	Taylor Woodrow	Buildings,Roads	
32	Lopex	Paper,Print,Adv	
33	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
34	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
35	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
36	Chapman	Paper,Print,Adv	
37	Quadrant Group	Leisure	
38	Fisher (A)	Foods	
39	Barr & WA 'A'	Leisure	
40	Telephone Rentals	Electricals	
41	Appletree Hldgs	Foods	
42	Beale (John)	Textiles	
43	TVS N/V	Cinemas,TV	
44	Victor Products	Industrials S-Z	
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Please take into account any minus signs

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OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
524	421	Midland (aa)	450	454	r -1	27.8	6.1	5.9
578	380	Morgan Grenfell	538	533	-12	14.4	2.7	13.7
254	149	Nat Aust Bk	248	250	r -4	..	..	..
738	536	Nat West (aa)	735	740	●+3	29.5	4.0	7.5
285	123	Ottoman	270	.	-5	80.0	3.0	8.8
440	278	Provident	385	390	..	17.8	4.6	13.4
177	55	RIA Gp	145	155	+3	1.7	1.1	28.8
216	137	Rothschild (J) Hal	199	201	●-2	8.2	4.1	10.6
440	298	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	383	385	-5	15.6	4.1	9.6
17	785	Schroders	15½	15⅞		18.5	1.2	24.9
843	728	Stand Chart (aa)	808	815	●+7	48.0	5.9	10.1
133	130	TSB (aa)	131	133				
[illegible]	880	Union	965	975	●+35	69.0	6.5	11.2
528	336	Warburg SG	475	480				
179	122	Do 6% 'A'	159	162	-1	8.2	5.1	..
37½	27½	Wells Fargo	33¼	.	-¼	..	..	..
520	290	Wintrust	500	520	●-10	8.5	1.7	29.1
189	145	YRM	160	165	+1	..	..	17.4

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	413	417	-2	15.8	3.8	12.3
[illegible]	729	Bass (aa)	925	932	●+4	24.1	2.6	17.1
77	61	Belhaven	83	85	..	1.0	1.8	23.0
151½	124	Boddington	126	128	..	5.1	4.0	13.9
710	537	Brown (Matthew)	702	710	..	20.2b	2.9	24.8
188	131	Buckleys	180	185	+2	4.4	2.4	58.5
220	141	Bulmer (H P)	210	217	●+2	7.9	3.7	15.2
195	185	Burtonwood Brew	183	188	s -1	4.0	2.2	30.0
535	440	Clark (Matthew)	521	581	● ..	12.3	2.3	17.5
352	202	Devenish (JA)	313	320	+3	4.0	1.3	43.8
279½	187	Greenall Whitley	223	225	-1	7.8	3.5	13.5
425	258	Greene King	413	415	●+4½	8.9	2.1	21.3
390	284	Guinness (aa)	350	354	-2	11.2	3.2	12.6
795	473	Hardys & Hansons	780	800	..	28.4	3.3	17.4
94	88	Highland Dist	85	88	..	3.1	3.8	16.8
206	138	Invergordon Dist	178	183	+1	7.2	4.0	11.8
235	145	Irish Dist	225	230	..	6.0	2.6	..
154	113	Marston Thompson	133	134	● ..	3.5	2.6	16.9
683	345	Morland	538	565	..	9.9	1.8	27.1
478	131	SA Breweries	430	445	+10			
284½	178	Scot & New (aa)	252	254	●+4	10.9	4.3	14.1
580	468	Vaux	519	517	+1	18.8	3.6	14.2
385	272	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	335	338	-2	12.2	3.6	14.2
400	248	Do 'B'	380	385	..	12.2	3.2	16.2
365	210	Whitbread Inv	312	318	..	11.3	3.6	38.6
405	277½	Wolverhampton & D	380	383	..	7.0	1.8	21.5
477	274	Young 'A'	450	460	..	11.6	2.5	28.5

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1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
675	452	BAT (aa)	650	653	+3	19.6	3.0	15.4
183	118	Carroll	170	180	●			
413	298	Rothmans 'B'	372	373	●+2½	10.6	2.8	10.3

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	107.6	113.8●	+1.0	10.54
High Inc Equity	141.0	150.0	+0.5	3.67
Worldwide Bond	186.5	198.4●	-1.6	4.89
American Growth	182.2	193.8	-3.0	0.73
Asian Pacific	95.0	101.0	+3.3	1.26
Assets & Earns	185.8	197.6	+1.1	0.96
Capital Reserve	73.4	73.8	+0.2	1.37
Comm & Energy	187.2	199.6	+0.5	..
European Capital	97.5	103.7	-0.5	0.72
General	186.2	198.0●	+0.7	2.27
Japan	94.8	100.8	-1.1	..
UK Growth Inc	184.7	196.4	+0.4	1.24
Do Accum	268.3	285.4	+0.5	0.85
US Emerging Co's	59.0	62.7●	-0.3	0.27
Income & Growth	307.4	327.0	+1.5	2.26
Mastertst Acc	89.7	95.4	-0.1	1.34
American Inc	53.9	57.3●	-0.6	4.57

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Europe Growth Acc	136.5	145.4	+0.1	0.89
Exempt	450.8	472.7●	+1.8	3.40
Far Eastern	262.7	281.0●	-2.6	0.10
Fin & Prop	108.5	112.8●	+0.9	1.46
High Yield	86.2	91.3	+0.1	3.95
Income & Gth	350.6	371.4●	+1.3	3.47
Intl Earnings	234.4	248.3	+1.4	1.77
Intl Growth Inc	114.8	122.0	-0.7	0.28
Japan Growth Acc	154.2	164.9	-0.9	0.20
Nth Amer Gth Inc	152.2	162.8●	-2.2	0.59
Preference Inc	125.0	132.4	+0.1	9.53
Small Co's Div Inc	104.3	110.5	+0.3	3.27
Small Co's Gth	394.0	417.4●	+0.9	1.04
Special Sits Inc	198.1	209.8	+0.5	0.65
UK Growth	468.3	495.1●	+2.4	2.25

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6801

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	56.9	59.5	-0.8	1.59
Australian	34.7	37.0●	+0.6	0.10
Japan & General	152.7	162.5●	-2.2	0.03
High Income	67.3	71.7c	-0.5	4.30
International Trust	118.4	126.0	-0.8	0.43
Income Gth Tst	77.1	82.1	+0.3	3.69
Gilts & Fixed Int	22.3	23.8	-0.1	10.09
Global Markets	46.2	49.2	-0.4	4.04
Special Situations	80.5	86.0	+0.2	1.06

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	95.5	101.0●	-0.3	2.12
European Gth Inc	81.0	85.7●	+0.4	1.16
Extra Income	109.0	115.3	-0.4	3.76
General	201.0	212.6	-0.5	2.22
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.0	53.6●	..	10.22
Income Trust	470.0	497.3●	-1.3	2.95
Intl Income	59.1	62.5	-0.4	3.85
Smlr Co Inc	49.9	52.7	..	1.42

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Fixed Int	144.25		..	9.91
Deposit	100.0		..	8.90

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	523.95		..	3.84
Accum	£16.3502		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	9.25

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
72/73, Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
S & C Special Sits	82.4	87.2	..	0.55

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Growth	26.9	28.5	-0.5	0.00
Dragon Growth Fund	32.0	33.9	-0.2	0.00
Equity High Income	66.1	70.0●	+0.2	3.20
European Growth	33.5	35.5	..	0.30
General Equity	61.3	64.9●	+0.1	1.90
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	30.4	32.0●	+0.3	4.20
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.0	25.3●	+0.2	9.00
Intl Inc Tst	27.1	28.7●	-0.2	4.40
Japan Growth	45.5	48.2	-0.2	0.00
Pedigree Gth	36.5	38.7	+0.1	1.80
Special Sits Tst	46.7	49.5	..	1.00

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	65.6	69.8	+0.9	1.98
Do Accum	65.8	70.0	+0.8	1.90
Income Inc	66.0	70.2●	+0.9	2.63
Do Accum	66.9	71.1●	+1.1	2.63
Worldwide Inc	60.6	64.5	-0.6	1.01
Do Accum	60.7	64.6	-0.6	1.01
Gamma Fund Inc	47.8	50.9	+0.1	0.85
Do Accum	47.8	50.9	+0.1	0.85

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Grth Strat	82.5	87.4	-0.3	0.75
Extra Income	265.1	270.0●	+1.2	3.87
Financial	273.6	289.5●	+0.5	1.43
Sth East Asia Grth	101.6	107.8	-0.2	1.15
Gt Br Cos	418.0	442.4	+0.7	1.72
Income & Growth	61.2	64.7●	+0.3	2.81
Japanese Growth	262.7	277.8●	+5.0	0.20
Nth Amer Growth	129.8	137.4	-1.1	0.88
Intl Recovery	183.2	193.8	+0.1	1.88
Smaller Co's	417.7	442.1●	..	1.42
Global Inc Tst	70.8	74.8c	..	4.71
Special Sits Acc	489.2	485.8	-7.3	1.23

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
Callfree 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	128.8	137.8	-2.8	0.59
Amer Equity Income	35.0	37.3	-0.8	3.78
Amer Special Sits	58.3	62.1	-0.7	0.05
Australia	50.5	53.8	+0.3	1.15
European	67.6	72.0	+0.3	..
European Inc	25.8	27.3●	-0.1	3.66
Global Conv	26.7	28.3	-0.1	4.41
Far East Inc	42.5	45.0	-0.2	3.02
Gilt & Fixed Int	28.5	●	+0.1	9.67
Growth & Income	138.1	147.8	+0.4	3.53
Japan Special Sits	66.7	71.2	+0.5	..
Japan	168.1	179.4	-0.9	..
Managed Int	168.5	179.3	-1.5	0.32
Max Income Equity	126.0	134.1c	-0.4	4.01
Famous Names	49.9	53.4●	+0.1	2.16
South East Asia	60.6	64.5	-0.4	0.01
Special Sits	313.1	334.9c	+0.8	0.53

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer & Gen Inc	232.4	245.9●	..	..
Do Accum	237.4	251.2●	..	..
Amer Turnround Inc	239.8	253.7	..	1.03
Do Accum	248.7	263.1	..	1.03
Capital Tst Inc	335.6	355.1	..	1.51
Do Accum	410.5	434.3	..	1.51
Conv & Gilt Inc	113.6	120.2	..	4.23
Do Accum	158.6	165.9	..	4.23
European Inc	74.7	79.0	..	0.77
Do Accum	74.9	79.2	..	0.77
Extra Inc Tst Inc	261.3	276.5●	..	3.15
Do Accum	291.0	307.9●	..	3.15
Financial Accum	57.2	60.5	..	0.82
Do Inc	56.9	60.2	..	0.92
Income Trust	185.1	195.8	..	3.29
Do Accum	200.2	211.8	..	3.29
Int Growth Fd Inc	190.2	201.2	..	..
Do Accum	211.2	223.4	..	..
Japan & Gen Inc	127.6	135.0	..	..
Do Accum	128.9	136.4	..	..
Monthly Income Fd	142.8	151.1●	..	2.87
PEP 87	70.6	74.7	..	2.05
Recovery	223.6	236.6●	..	0.84
Do Accum	244.6	258.8●	..	0.84

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
FP Equity Dist	278.8	295.9	-1.1	2.08
Do Accum	474.4	503.6	-1.9	2.08
FP Fixed Int Dist	111.9	119.0	+0.4	8.85
Do Accum	136.3	145.0	+0.4	8.85
Stewardship Dist	274.4	291.2	+0.1	0.99
Do Accum	286.5	304.1	+0.1	0.99
FP North American	144.9	153.5	-1.1	1.18
FP Pacific Basin	216.6	229.6	-0.3	0.21

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Global	60.1	64.0●	-0.6	0.54
European	57.9	61.3●	-0.1	0.87
Japan	78.6	83.7●	+0.4	0.50

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	509.0	540.5	+0.5	1.51
Income	407.7	433.8	+3.1	3.70
North American	321.2	341.8	-7.1	1.38

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv Fund	558.5		..	3.46

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financials Fund	59.6	63.5●	-0.1	2.36
Intl Tech Fund	134.8	143.5	-1.6	0.14

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth Inc	27.4	29.2	-0.4	..
Do Acc	27.4	29.2	-0.4	..
Balanced Gth Inc	83.8	89.2	+0.2	0.80
Balanced Gth Acc	85.8	91.3	+0.2	..
Income Gth Acc	67.8	72.1	+0.5	..
Do Inc	61.9	65.8	+0.5	4.00
Service Co Acc	96.9	103.1	-0.4	..
Do Inc	95.1	101.2	-0.4	0.30
High Yield Acc	36.1	38.4	+0.4	..
Do Inc	35.3	37.8	+0.4	5.10

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Situations Trust	79.0	83.8	-0.8	0.36
Japan & Far East	153.4	162.8	-2.8	0.01
North American Tst	74.2	78.8	-2.0	0.89
Reserves & Assets	59.7	63.7	-0.8	4.77
Scandinavian Trust	91.5	97.1●	-1.6	0.79
Smaller Companies	222.5	236.5●	+0.7	1.10
UK New Generation	48.2	51.1	+0.3	0.88

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Recovery Tst	114.6	122.8	-4.3	0.82
Amer Smaller Co's	53.0	56.7	-1.2	0.01
Australian	135.1	145.6	-0.1	1.65

WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT
13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ
031-225 1551

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australian Gold	58.7	62.4	+0.5	0.15
Pacific Basin	33.4	35.5	-0.1	0.20
Canadian Growth	74.7	79.4	-0.6	0.00
Gimmie Mc Fund	97.6	101.7●	-0.3	3.90

WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS
Hibernia Chambers 2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA
01-403 5108

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth Fund	213.1	226.7	..	1.45
Income Fund	118.5	126.1	..	3.00

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT
01-606 9085/6

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	73.2	74.4	..	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	e52.0	52.2	-0.2	..
Challenger	50.6	50.8	+0.1	2.00

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD
01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Conv & Equity	80.9	85.7	+0.5	4.27
Income	98.8	105.2●	+0.3	2.52
Growth	109.7	115.8●	+0.2	0.81
Property Shares	62.5	65.5	+0.1	1.54

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

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Brent crude firmed early in the day on the back of increasing tension in the Gulf. Players took a cautious approach to a deck stacked with two wild cards. The Gulf and the upcoming Opec committee meetings. Both are regarded as supportive to prices.

Products markets drifted quietly along in line with the screen.

Crude oils/assessed $/BBL FOB

Brent Phys:	18.50	+10
15 day Sep:	18.50	+10
15 day Oct:	18.60	+10
WTI Oct:	19.65	+5
WTI Nov:	19.45	+10

PRODUCTS
Buy/sell ranges $/MT
Spot Cif Nwe - prompt deliver

Prem Gas .15:	-1	178-180	
Gasoil EEC:	-1	161-163	-1
Non 1H Sep:		157-158	+1
Non 1H Oct:	+2	150-151	+2
3.5 Fuel Oil:		100-102	
Naphta:	-1	158-160	

GAS OIL (G W Joynson)

Sep	159.00-58.75
Oct	159.50-59.25
Nov	160.75-60.50
Dec	162.00-61.75
Jan	163.75-59.25
Feb	165.75-57.25
Mar	167.75-55.75
Apr	167.75-55.75
May	167.75-55.75
Vol	3431

HEAVY FUEL OIL (Reuters)

Oct	100.5-02.7
Nov	102.7-05.0
Vol	0

LONDON FOX
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Oct	131.4-31.6
Dec	139.6-41.6
Mar	141.4-41.6
May	153.4-53.8
Aug	158.0-58.8
Oct	162.0-62.8
Vol	3823

COCOA

Sep	1213-210
Dec	1255-254
Mar	1290-288
May	1311-310
Jul	1331-330
Sep	1351-350
Dec	1372-370
Vol	5522

COFFEE

Sep	1315-312
Nov	1351-350
Jan	1381-380
Mar	1394-392
May	1411-408
Jul	1435-427
Sep	1450-440
Vol	5850

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices
Official Volume previous day
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in cents per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	1041.0-1041.5
Three Months	1028.0-1028.5
Vol	155275
Tone	Steady Lower Levels

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1041.0-1042.0
Three Months	1027.0-1028.0
Vol	975
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	406.00-407.00
Three Months	385.00-386.00
Vol	38400
Tone	Easy

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	467.00-468.00
Three Months	471.50-472.00
Vol	33875
Tone	Easy

SILVER LARGE

Cash	758.00-761.00
Three Months	771.50-772.00
Vol	26
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	758.00-761.00
Three Months	771.50-772.00
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	951.00-953.00
Three Months	930.00-930.50
Vol	174025
Tone	Steady Lower Levels

ALUMINIUM HIGH GRADE
($ per tonne)

Three Months	1590.0-1610.0
Vol	10425
Tone	Idle

NICKEL

Cash	3305-3310
Three Months	3300-3301
Vol	10146
Tone	Steadier

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 2

GB: Cattle, 96.97p per kg lw (+1.11)
GB: Sheep 164.92p per kg* (+9.77)
GB: Pigs, 73.32p per kg lw (+4.84)
* est. dead carcase weight

England & Wales: Cattle down 11.2 %, av price, 96.81p(+0.96)
Sheep up 4.6 %, av price, 165.89p(+9.72)
Pig up 9.4 %, av price, 73.32p(+4.84)

Scotland: Cattle down 3.9 %, av price, 97.44p(+1.63)
Sheep up 9.8 %, av price, 158.30p(+10.41)
Pig n/a %, av price, n/a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Oct	Unq	103.0
Nov	103.10	104.00
Feb	97.00	96.80
Apr	96.80	96.80
		Vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Oct	95.50	96.00
Nov	96.80	96.80
Feb	97.00	97.00
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Sep	103.50	96.85
Nov	104.60	100.00
Jan	106.80	102.55
Mar	109.60	104.85
May	111.80	107.00
Jul	114.30	

Vol: Wheat 532
Barley 220

SOYABEAN

Oct	123.5-23.0
Dec	123.1-22.6
Feb	124.7-24.0
Apr	125.8-25.6
Jun	123.8-21.5
Aug	123.5-21.5
Oct	124.0-22.0
Vol	158

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	88.00	87.50
Feb	97.50	96.50
Mar	82.50	83.80
Apr	130.90	132.80
		Vol: 371

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Oct 87	1080.5-1060	1066.0
Jan 88	1095.0-1070	1080.0
Apr 88	1153.0-1135	1140.0
Jul 88	————	1042.5

Vol: 499 lots Open int: 1677
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
1084.5 down 20.5 on 1/9/87

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	1987 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
425	180	Abelscot Group	410	440	n/c
54½	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	53	58	+1
127	110	Allied Insurance	135	145	n/c
285	121	Broadcast Commus	210	220	n/c
98	36	Catalyst Comm	92	96	+2
150	24	Corton Beach	123	128	+1
68	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	28	30	+1
41	8	Do. Warrants	17	19	n/c
82	17	Publishing Holdings	62	65	n/c
85½	46½	Thame Holdings	74	77	-1
139½	112½	Unit Group	137½	142½	[illegible]

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

Allen Davis: Financial controllers must stop being bean counters

The accountants helping to create a computer gap

Allen Davis is managing director of Allen Davis Associates, an executive-search company concerned particularly with the appointment of financial directors of operating divisions

Information technology, mind-boggling hardware and complex software is forcing us to change. Where the consequences for people are "user-friendly" IT brings benefits that are welcome, especially when they enhance a person's status.

The history of computerization has involved an alliance between the data-processing fraternity and financial controllers; the latter determined the requirement and the former developed the systems.

IT, however, has progressed, especially in data analysis, such that unless finance people learn about the techniques and methodologies involved, a point will be reached in systems specification whereby the tail will wag the dog.

The balance of influence has favoured the computer specialist and developments are accentuating that bias. The trend is not inevitable and certainly not desirable.

Accounting systems existed before computers and the number-crunchers were developed to tackle specific accounting problems such as stock control, payroll and ledgers. The need came from the financial community but the driving force was computer-led. What computers could do determined what they were used for.

The role of the financial controller during these years has been more passive than many would suppose. He was confident the machines and systems were there to serve him and that his skill in interpreting figures into management information was indispensible; the machines could not and would not bridge the gap between DP and management.

I suggest that this passive stance is leading accountants towards a phenomenon as yet not particularly important to them; namely obsolescence of knowledge. The concept has not yet been applied to finance controllers. On the contrary, they have enjoyed the security of believing that their skills were in demand, stable and transferable over a wide range of industrial or commercial application.

We have witnessed 10 years and more of unplanned DP development of systems lacking the necessary flexibility to adapt to the changing needs of business, and a plethora of individual systems. As business becomes more competitive, management needs more information about more events and in more detail than most systems are designed to provide. Financial controllers are spending more time doing special studies and analyses while the main systems grind on. The level of efficiency is deplorable and the cost of control is itself in need of control.

Controllers must either re-establish their control over systems which the company really needs or face considerable decline in their own positions within the company.

IT has progressed such that its software-technology techniques are capable of analysing and providing for the real information needs of a business.

Evidence of change comes from many sources. First, many line managers are calling for training courses in "non-financial management for accountants". It is not so long ago that the boot was on the other foot and all of us were put through financial appreciation courses. Second, companies with simpler business systems requirements have already reached a point where the job they require of their controller includes active credit control; ie, getting in the money, an uncomfortable task for many accountants and one they do not relish.

The remarkable finding for me came from about 100 interviews I conducted of divisional-level finance directors/controllers during the last six months. Of these, only two had any knowledge of current thinking on business strategy; of data analysis or any of the major so-called methodologies and techniques of information technology, affecting their own working environment.

The importance of financial controllers understanding IT strategy issues stems from the tendency of many corporate managements to view their role as investment managers delegating the job of supplying goods and services on to divisional management. Divisional levels of industry are "where the action is" strategically and, critically, managers in this section must understand their strategic situation. To do this they must have the right information.

The reality is that the field is populated with accountants steeped in concepts which are too static for the contemporary situation. This gap is partly responsible for delaying the application of the next generation of information technology.

In a word, the bean counters must become businessmen and reach the probable conclusion that the main beneficiaries of the first 20 years of computerization were the computer companies, consultancies and DP staff and that this is not necessarily in the best interests of the rest of us.

They must also discover for themselves that the very success of IT has created the tools whereby control of information systems can return to its proper place and grasp the opportunity it provides.

One vehicle for understanding information requirement is "structured analysis", an objective top-down study of the real needs of a business in terms of its strategy, operations and the systems needed to supports its task.

The first stage of this analysis, ie, a business-strategy analysis, ought to be well within the compass of senior managers and finance people to master, especially as tools are being developed to assist analysts do the job more quickly and efficiently.

Of course, there is a lot of jargon, which oft-times seems to be no more than complex labelling of commonsense ideas that have been around for years. And we must not forget the demise of latter-day management panaceas (MBO: management by objectives — corporate planning, etc). But the new order calls for a disciplined attack on understanding each business's strategy as a blueprint from which information systems can be planned in the longer term.

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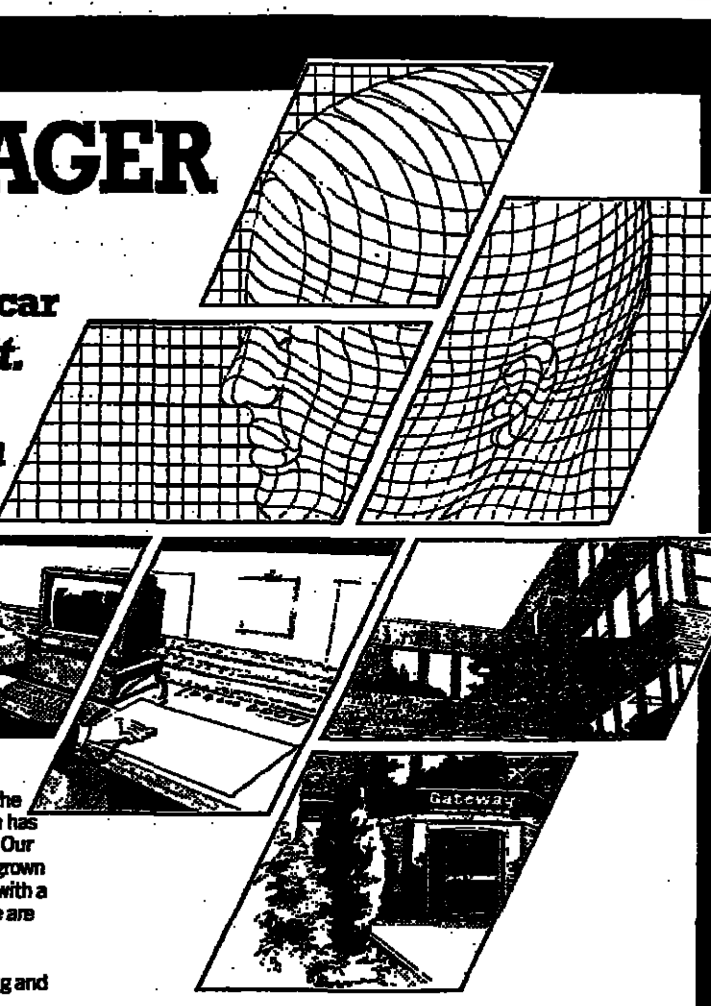

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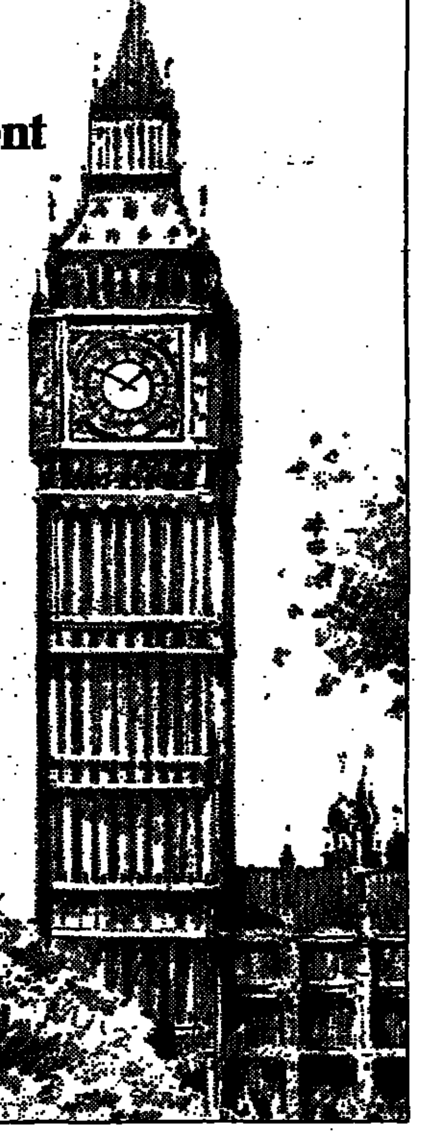

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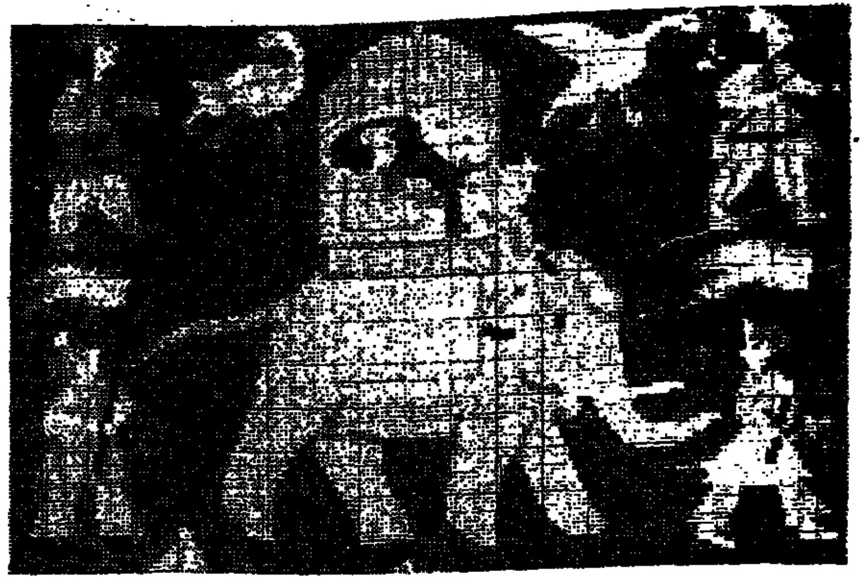

Ehrman's maharajah rides out in a popular tapestry kit design

Nine years ago Hugh Ehrman put on sale his first needlework kit, Caucasian Flower, designed by Kaffe Fassett. At the time, he was running a shop with his brother. "We sold glass, ceramics and fashion jewelry, and we asked Kaffe to make one of his large tapestries to hang at the back of the shop".

This proved too costly a commission for the brothers, but it resulted in the suggestion of producing a tapestry kit.

"I'd never heard of tapestry kits before," says Mr Ehrman, "but Kaffie had done a couple of them, one for *Good Housekeeping* and one for the *Sunday Times*, selling between 7,000 and 8,000."

Caucasian Flower did very well — "it subsidized the shop for about three or four months" — and over the next two years the kits began to take over Mr Ehrman's life. He gave up ceramics and jewelry and moved into Vicarage Gate, west London, where, in a tiny shop, with a basement knee-deep in wool, with two assistants, he put the business on a different footing.

It's like putting money on a horse, he explains. You are never sure which designs will be a success and which will not. Why do one or two designs sell half as many again? He wishes he knew.

He began by taking colour advertisements in the women's magazines. Now he advertises in the newspapers, so each design has to look good in black and white. His advertising agency is always on the look out for the cheap, last-minute space, so three or four lots of artwork must always be on hand, as well as enough stock to fill the orders.

Everything is sub-contracted in a well-ordered chain. The canvases are printed in Lancashire, the wool comes from Appletons, and the complete kits are stored in Brentford, Middlesex. "When it works well, it's marvellous — when it doesn't, it's a nightmare," says Mr Ehrman. The current stock totals more than 100 kits, comprising 200 components.

The bedrock of the business is the catalogue, which comes out every January. "In our first catalogue we had 15 items," says Mr Ehrman. It is now beautifully photographed, the size of a small magazine, with a circulation of 60,000.

The designs start as artwork and then go to a hand-painted version. They are then stitched twice, for quantities, and then 30 per cent extra wool is added to the kit. It is then photographed, or drawn, and the juggling act begins, getting the mail order stock out within the legally required 28 days.

Mail order knitting kits have now been added to the tapestry kits; there is a boom in designer knits at the moment, but Mr Ehrman says that it goes in explicable cycles. He has produced two books — *Designer Knitting* and *Designer Needlepoint* (Century Hutchinson, £12.95 each) which give patterns and charts for the independent souls who don't rely on a kit or who want to re-colour, or use only bits of it.

Suddenly, the tapestry kits have taken off in America, Australia, New Zealand and Sweden. It's been a very exciting year for Mr Ehrman: a new office, the staff doubled (to six) and, in January, an ambitious new project to sell wallpaper by mail order — three designs by Fassett, six borders, several colourways, beautifully photographed in room settings and sent out with a really large sample of wallpaper ("absolutely essential").

So far as he knows, this will be the first time wallpaper has been sold in this way. But, like the kits, it's a gamble.

Anna Pearson's new book, *Needlepoint Stitch by Stitch* (Viking, £12.95), is a complete guide which works as well for those who have only just learned how to thread a tapestry needle as those who need inspiration and encouragement.

Originally an interior designer who still keeps her hand in with a series of projects, she has for the past 14 years been teaching needlepoint in classes at her own home and in the United States, and for those in search of four nights combining needlepoint and good food, at Miller Howe, Windermere, where John Tovey, the genius of the place, has a particular regard for bargello, as an essential aid to air travel.

She trained as a designer with Michael Inchbald and joined him and a number of young designers in the 1960s. "There were a lot of new people and new ideas; it was an exciting time and we really tried to change the image of designers." But the problem about interior designing was the cash flow, and she turned to needlepoint, which she had always loved.

The amount of preparation that goes into a book on needlepoint is prodigious. Each example has to be worked before it is photographed, and each stitch sample was worked on a 2½in square in graduated shades of blues and bronze to yellows. At the last minute, 3½in squares were required — and there are 61 of them.

There are three kinds of people who join the class: those who learn and then decide they know all about needlepoint, those who keep coming to increase their expertise, and those who come because it's fun and they like the people and it's a pleasant day out. Whatever their motive, they are all welcome.

Like Hugh Ehrman, she subcontracts, employing nobody but herself on putting together her kits, which she designs.

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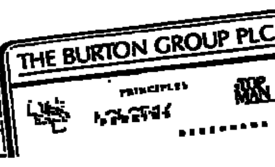

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GOLF

Lyle aiming to regain his touch at scene of collapse

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Crans-Montana

Sandy Lyle hopes to rediscover winning form in the *Ebel European Masters*, which starts here today on the Crans-sur-Sierre course where, four years ago, he *suffered* a shattering defeat.

Lyle, without a success on the European circuit for more than two years, still cringes in frustration at the way he snatched defeat from the jaws of victory as Nick Faldo gained a famous win.

Faldo, competing here for the first time since that triumph in 1983, recalled: "I was 11 shots behind Sandy with 26 holes to play and still six behind with 16 to go. But I beat him on the second extra hole in a play-off."

The fortunes of the two golfers have fluctuated since then. Lyle climbed a personal Everest by winning the Open Championship in 1985. Then Faldo, following an agonizing three-year period without a victory, claimed his Open title at Muirfield in July.

Since then Faldo has enjoyed *two encouraging top* four finishes in Europe, while Lyle has continued to struggle. *He missed the half-way cut in* the Lawrence Batley International and he took last week off.

Lyle, however, received a timely vote of confidence last weekend when he was selected by Tony Jacklin for the European Ryder Cup team. Moreover, since he arrived in this millionaires' playground, 5,000ft up in the Swiss Alps, Lyle has regained his touch with the assistance of Maurice *Bembridge*.

Lyle explained: "Maurice has been teaching up here for the last two months and so I took the opportunity to have a practice round with him. He stressed how badly I was tilted, during the swing, and I've corrected it. I know I've had a few personal problems this year but they have nothing to do with my form. It's been a technical thing and I hope that I've now sorted it out."

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1	519	5	10	396	4
2	432	4	11	213	3
3	180	3	12	386	4
4	499	4	13	207	3
5	355	4	14	575	5
6	328	4	15	514	5
7	317	4	16	328	4
8	188	3	17	355	4
9	634	5	18	382	4
Out	3,455	36	In	3,356	36
Total yardage: 6,811					Par: 72

Nine of Europe's Ryder Cup team, including the defending champion, José-Maria Olazábal, are competing while three of the United States side — Mark Calcavecchia, Larry Mize and Scott Simpson — are also playing. Mize, of course, won the US Masters in April and *Simpson* became US Open champion in June.

Ian Woosnam is hoping to repeat his win of 1982 as the first prize of £60,000 — the £360,000 prize fund is the biggest offered for an event organized by the PGA European Tour — would virtually secure him No. 1 place in the Epson Order of Merit. Woosnam has so far won £184,846 this season. Faldo (£168,593) and Zimbabwe's Mark McNulty (£143,990), winner of last week's German Open, are his closest rivals.

Meanwhile Colin Montgomerie, aged 24, makes his professional debut, assisted by a sponsorship arrangement which came about after a syndicate of five merchant bankers — all members at Sunningdale — read in *The Times* that the Walker Cup player was looking towards the United States for financial support. The syndicate offered Montgomerie a contract through to January 1990, with *a five-year option.*

"They formed a company called Tour Management and I'm a paid employee," explained Montgomerie. "I get advance expenses and I keep a percentage of my winnings. If I'm successful as a golfer then I can become a wealthy man."

Back to business

By Patricia Davies

The Women's Professional Golf Association resumes normal service in Glasgow today after an enforced three-week rest. Players have assembled for the £30,000 Bowring Ladies' Scot*tish Open at Cawder fresh from* holidays in Corfu, lucrative company days and, in the case of Laura Davies and Trish Johnson, fierce competition in the United States.

Miss Davies, the United States Open champion, finished seventh behind Ayako Okamoto, of Japan, in the Nestlé world championships in Georgia on Sunday, proving her worth to some of the Ladies' *Professional Golf Association* members who meet next Wednesday to decide whether or *not to exempt her from having* to qualify for their Tour.

Miss Johnson flew home from *Kansas on Saturday having* successfully negotiated the sectional qualifying at Tallgrass, Wichita. She finished joint fifth and now has her eye on top spot at the final qualifying in Texas next month.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance County Championship

11.0, 110 overs minimum
COLCHESTER: Essex v Worcestershire
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Derbyshire.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Somerset.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Leicestershire.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Sussex
THE OVAL: Surrey v Northamptonshire
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Kent.

Other match

11.0 to 6.30
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v MCC
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Usk: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire; Canterbury: Kent v Yorkshire, Old Trafford: Lancashire v Warwickshire; Hinckley: Leicestershire v Worcestershire; Watford: *Middlesex v Sussex;* Banstead: Surrey v Essex

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Nottingham Forest v Leicester (7.0).
FA CUP: Preliminary round, replays: *Camberley v Corinthian-Casuals;* Swanage and Herston v Eastleigh; Whitehawk v Horsham (6.0).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Aylestone St James v Leicester Thursday

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: County matches (2.30): Buckinghamshire v Hertfordshire (at Richings Park); Cambridgeshire v Northamptonshire (at Ely); Derbyshire v Hampshire (at Derby West End); Essex v Metropolitan Police (at Chelmsford Falcon). Representative match: *Oxfordshire v Home* Counties (at South Oxford, 2.30).
GOLF: WPGA Bowring Scottish open (at Cawder). Glen International East Region *championship (at West Essex).*
HOCKEY: Women's European Cup (at Pickett's Lock).
MOTOR CYCLING: Manx lightweight and senior races
SPEEDWAY: National League: Arena Essex v Newcastle; Middlesbrough v Peterborough.
YACHTING: NatWest Olympic week (at Weymouth): Burnham week: Merlin Rocket championship (at Torquay SC).

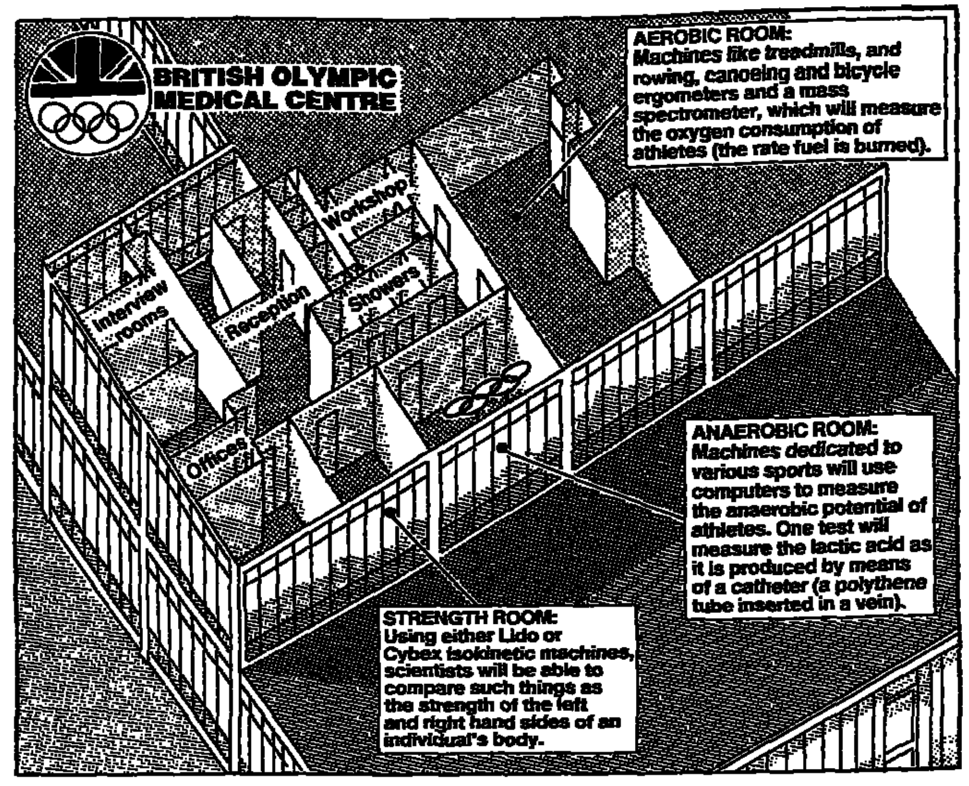
SPORT ON TV

ATHLETICS: World championships from *Rome. BBC1:* 8 35 a.m., 12.05 and 3.05 p.m. BBC2: 6 p.m. Highlights: BBC1: 11 35 p.m ITV: 4 p.m. Highlights: 10.30 p.m.

Adopting a new approach to lifting levels of physical fitness

A remedy for British ills

By John Goodbody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STRENGTH ROOM: Using either Lido or Cybex isokinetic machines, scientists will be able to compare such things as the strength of the left and right hand sides of an individual's body.

Britain has trailed so far behind many other countries in facilities for sports medicine that it is sometimes surprising that as many medals are won as they are in international events.

The new British Olympic Medical Centre at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow should partially rectify this, but only if it gets the support it needs and deserves.

Charles Palmer, the Chairman of the British Olympic Association, yesterday appealed for sponsors, particularly from drug and pharmaceutical companies, to help sponsor the centre, which he hopes will be the forerunner of others in Britain.

Glaxo is already sponsoring one of the six full-time staff, who will work at Northwick Park, but the £250,000 annual cost of running the centre will need constant support. Its role is vital as methods improve of raising physical fitness of *athletes across the whole spec*trum of sport, not just Olympic events.

The centre is *unique* in Britain, being the only one that is linked with a district *general hospital* and a National Centre of Clinical Research funded by the Medical *Research Council. Although* other sites like Crystal Palace were considered, the advantages of Northwick *Park* were overwhelming.

Anyone attending the clinic can be immediately referred within the same building for such things as X-rays and bone scanning. This would have been impossible at a sports centre.

"The centre, which is free, is open to everyone who has been *referred by a governing body* of sport, although obviously outstanding competitors like national squad members will be treated with greatest *speed," said Dr Mark Har*ries, a consultant physician at Northwick Park Hospital and honorary *director.*

The centre has three main aims. It can work with Sir Christopher Booth's team at the adjacent Clinical Research Centre on such research as the longitudinal effects of high level sport on heart disease and premature osteo-arthritis. The link between amenorrhoea (abnormal absence of menstruation) and osteoporosis (brittleness in the bone due to lack of protein) in *top-class female* endurance athletes will also be examined.

Second, there will be a weekly Sports Injury Clinic under Mr Ian Fyfe, a consul*tant orthopaedic surgeon.* There will be immediate referral and the back-up service *will include a large physio*therapy department, consisting of a gymnasium and two hydrotherapy pools.

Third, there will be the clinical measurement and physiological testing of competitors. Dr Harries says that testing is important to: identify areas of relative weakness in an athlete; compare his *test results with previous data;* and, determine if an athlete's various fitness levels (like *aerobic or cardio-respiratory* endurance, anaerobic or local muscle endurance and also strength) are appropriate for the particular sport at the *highest level.*

Three laboratories will be used with Dr Craig Sharp, the director of physiology, assisted by John Koutedakis, a former national junior rowing coach, leading the research work. Competitors will also be advised by the dietetics department on their own specific food requirements.

Austria, not noted for its excellence in summer Olympic sports, has seven similar centres in Vienna alone. With the use of just one centre like this, Britain's competitors will in *future not have to overcome* the handicap it has suffered in the past.

Talking point: The Princess Royal with athlete Tish Reid and Dr Craig Sharp at the British Olympic Medical Centre

New centre has Royal blessing

The Princess Royal yesterday officially opened the £250,000 British Olympic Medical Centre at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, something that she described as having "caused *more than* a few passing headaches" (John Goodbody writes).

The Princess, as President of the British Olympic Associ*ation, recognized that there* had been criticisms that the centre should have been estab*lished* before.

"It has been a long while coming," she said, adding that the problems have been funding and finding a location. The *Princess said the value of the* place was obvious as long as people use the facilities to make *it* work.

John Smith, the chairman of the Sports Council, began the council's commitment to *help the centre by giving* £51,000 to help with the budget for starting up the *facilities.*

The referral system (costing about £14,000 annually) will be subsidized for at least three years and the council may also give further assistance if the level of use by the governing bodies is particularly high.

Mr Smith described the arrangement as "ongoing financial support."

The International Olympic Committee, yesterday represented by Prince Alexandre de Merode, *of Belgium, the chair*man of its medical commission, donated £6,000 to the centre.

FISHING

Maximum fines urged for river polluters

By Conrad Voss Bark

"Wholly unrealistic penalties" are being imposed on farmers for polluting rivers, says the *Lord Chancellor* in advice to magistrates published in *The Magistrate* magazine. He says *that the maximum fine of* £2,000 for polluting a river should be regarded as a starting point, to be reduced only if there are mitigating circumstances.

According to the Water Authorities Association, which is supporting the Lord Chancellor's advice, the fines imposed on farmers last year ranged from £50 to £1,600, but those over £1,000 were exceptional.

The association suggests that because fines are so low some farmers find it cheaper to pay the fine, rather than face the cost of undertaking preventive work.

The worst pollution last year was recorded in the south west, where many thousands of young salmon and trout were killed.

One official of the water authority said that the costs did not reflect bringing the case to *court and they preferred to give* advice rather than prosecute, which paid off.

A different approach is taken by the privately-funded Anglers' Co-operative Association, which announced last week that it has obtained damages of £35,250 from Derwentside District Council, which allowed an escape of chemicals from Consett, in Durham, to pollute the Howden Burn and the Derwent.

Water Pollution from Farm Waste in 1986, a report by the Water Authorities Association, is published from Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1.

LACROSSE

American influence on the British game

By Peter Tatlow

The women's season gets off to an early start, with trials led by Bobbie Trafford, the England's coach, at *Crystal Palace* this weekend to form a squad for a match against the United States *under-24* team, which will be touring Britain this autumn.

Ten male coaches are also coming over from America and will be actively engaged in promoting the game in schools as well as coaching at clubs.

They will be assisted by English women players, with international Jo Sladen joining the coaching team in the north. NatWest sponsorship has enabled another England player, *Sophie Cullen, to be appointed* as assistant development officer to Janet O'Neill, who is the leading organizer of pop lacrosse in Britain.

This is a simplified version of the game for mixed teams of five or six players, using a minimum of hired kit and makeshift goal posts. *Its* popularity is rapidly increasing, with interest in Manchester, London, Liverpool and *Birmingham.*

Men's lacrosse will also get under way earlier than usual, with the northern and southern League champions, Cheadle and Hampstead, meeting at Hitchin *on September 19 for the Wil*kinson Sword Trophy.

On the international scene the selectors *will* send 23 men to Australia for the under-19 world series next summer. England's *women are looking forward to* three international matches in the United States at Easter, followed by a further three when Australia tour England in September next year.

SPORTS LETTERS

Pushing the American cause

From Mr David Govett

Sir, Brian Moore, whose interests in the televising of football are well known, correctly states (August 21) that the viewing figures for the Rest of the World v the League match were higher than those for the American football game held the next day. Mr Moore omits to mention that 75,000 people journeyed to Wembley to watch the American football live but only 50,000 people bothered to turn out for the football game also held at Wembley.

He also purports to compare the two games while avoiding perhaps the major difference, namely the hooliganism which is the reason why I and thousands of others no longer go to football matches, although I would be happy to take my grandparents and my little brother and sister to an American football game.

One can only wonder at Mr Moore's inability to avoid animated discussions on "Greavsie's latest hairstyle", but such a comment (in a piece complaining about hype in American football) further helps explain the accelerating decline of the once enjoyable and respected game of football

Mr Moore should start learning the rules of American football, so that he will be prepared for his new and far more demanding job commentating the orderly, well-attended, safe, and exciting American football games to be held all over England in the future

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GOVETT,
69 St Johns Hill, Battersea

A need to comply

From Mr J R Anderson

Sir, It was the Heysel incident that triggered the expulsion of English clubs from European football and led the League to agree with the government that membership schemes should be implemented.

Is it not, therefore, incredible that Liverpool FC of all clubs should have failed to comply with this requirement whilst, at the same time, seeking to play a series of friendly matches in Europe.

Yours faithfully,
J R ANDERSON,
4 Vardon Drive,
Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Alternative view

From Mr J J W Sample

Sir, With reference to Brian Moore's End Column (August 21), surely some allowance must be given to the fact that football is our national game and has been for more than 100 years. It is rather obvious, therefore, that one would expect more television viewers to watch the *British game* than would watch the American version. The fact also that almost two million viewers watched the American football at Wembley recently, compared with nearly six million who watched the Football League Centenary match the previous day, suggests how increasingly popular the television audience is becoming with American football.

Perhaps, also, if the television companies continue to show scenes like those that occurred in Scarborough the following Saturday, then in the not too distant future the numbers watching American football on television may match those viewing the British game

Yours faithfully,
J J W SAMPLE,
30 Sunniside Lane,
Cleadon, Tyne and Wear

Tilting the balance

From Mr Iain M Bishop

Sir, I would suggest that the organizers of the Littlewoods Cup competition in England should adopt the system used in the Skol Cup in Scotland whereby every match is played to a *finish with extra-time and pen*alties if necessary.

The small clubs have next to no chance of beating the Evertons and Liverpools of this world when the bigger club has *two chances in which to exert its* superiority. However, in a one-off situation anything is possible, while the bigger clubs could not afford to play defensively away from home so that the spectacle would improve

I would even doubt if the two-leg system pays dividends financially for many second legs have little drawing power with the aggregate victors virtually assured after an away win

Yours faithfully,
IAIN M BISHOP,
20 Cleland Park Central,
Bangor, County Down

Deprived of competition

From Mr Paul B Fendrich

Sir, I write concerning the decision of the British athletics selectors to restrict the number of British entries for the world championships in *Rome. It* seems to me that for so many athletes who have achieved the *qualifying standard in their* events to be denied the chance to compete against the best in the world displays extremeshort-sightedness on the part of the selectors. It is only by the experience of top-class competition that athletes are able to develop their skills and hence become world-class performers: if fewer athletes are given this chance, the likelihood of Britain producing many more Crams, Coes, and Whitbreads decreases significantly.

The selectors' argument that athletes will be discouraged if they lose in the early stages of competition is utter nonsense. *Athletes are far more likely to be discouraged if they have* planned their whole year around the world championships, only to be prevented from competing by their national selectors. No matter what chance an athlete has of winning his or her event, if he or she has achieved the qualifying standard, he or she deserves the chance to compete. Both winning and losing are learning processes, and therefore for an athlete simply to compete alongside the world's best is an invaluable part of his or her education in the sport

It seems that the selectors are out of touch with modern athletics, and are unaware of the *best ways in which to encourage* the sport in this country. If they regard lack of British success in an event as an embarrassment, I suggest that lack of British participation for fear of failure is a far greater embarrassment, serving only to strengthen Britain's international sporting reputation for mediocrity

Yours faithfully,
PAUL B FENDRICH
Sidney Sussex College,
Cambridge

The forgotten all-rounders

From Mr Robert Mitchell

Sir, As three of the world's greatest all-rounders — pity about Botham — and the most prolific run-getter of all time — sad about Gavaskar's missing twelve runs — battled at Lord's, lists of career achievements proliferate.

But in those lists there is no mention of Hobbs or Hammond, nor of Richardson or Rhodes, *yet they were giants in* their time.

An added column in those *lists, relating overall achieve*ments to the number of matches played or a more sophisticated *points system allowing for the* smaller number of matches available, would record these *earlier achievements.*

What a delight it would be and what interest it would generate, to see such great names given their true deserts

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT MITCHELL
Hatchwood House
Nursery Road,
Loughton,
Essex.

Valuable assets

From Mr A L Jayne

Sir, What is so unusual in Phil Edmonds wanting to play for Middlesex CCC as an amateur? The late W J Edrich did just that after the war having been a professional, and gave up a benefit in addition. Memories are short. The county cannot *afford to be without Edmonds* and Emburey, as now seems likely.

Yours faithfully,
A L JAYNE,
Wilton Cottage, *Cornwall.*

Appealing thought

From Mr Ian Malkinson

Sir, Referring to Michael Stewardson's letter (August 20) on a suitable requiem for English/Pakistan cricket. What a pity that the Currie Cup has already been "discovered"! Perhaps in view of what has happened the "Inconstant *Shield" may be found suitable*

Yours faithfully,
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Degree course vacancies: Architecture, law

The Times Degree Course Vacancies Service continues today with university and polytechnic vacancies in law, business and administration, architecture, building and planning.

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Building (K200): Heriot-Watt
Building Technology (K214): UMIST
Building Eng Env Building Services-Civil/Struc Eng (K220): Bath Strathclyde
Building Eng Env Building Services-Engineering (K224): Bath
Building Services Engineering (K240): Heriot Watt: Liverpool: UMIST
Construction Management (K258): UMIST
Building Economics and Quantity Surveying (K270): Heriot-Watt
Landscape Architecture (K300): Heriot Watt
Town and Country Planning (5 Yrs, incl 1 yr Sandw) (K400): *Newcastle*
Town Planning (K440): Heriot-Watt
BA in Planning Honours (K450): Glasgow
Urban Studies and Social Policy (KL44): Stirling.
Society and Government-Urban Policy and Man (KM41): Aston.
Urban Policy and Management-Business Administration (KN41): Aston.
German-Urban Policy and Management (KR42): Aston.
LLB Honours (3-Year Full-Time Course) (M380): UWIST
Business Law (M340): Stirling
Peace Studies (4 Years) (M930): Ulster
Politics-Sociology (ML13): Aberdeen, Belfast
Political Science and Social Policy (ML14): Dundee
***Society and Government-Business* Administration (MN11):** Aston.
Society and Government-Transport Planning (MN19): Aston.
American Studies-Political Science (MQ14): Dundee
Political & Economic Studies/Welsh (MQ15): Wales, Lampeter
Political & Economic Studies/Welsh Studies (MQ1M): Wales, Lampeter
***French-Society* and Government (MR11):** Aston, Dundee: Wales, Lampeter
Society and Government-German (MR12): Aston, Dundee
Political & Economic Studies/Swedish (MR17): Wales, Lampeter
Modern History-Political Science (MV11): Dundee: Wales, Lampeter
Philosophy and Government (MVC7): *Essex*
Management Sciences (Science) (N104): St Andrews.
Management Science (N106): Stirling
Business Studies (N120): Stirling.
Business *Administration* (N122): UWIST
Managerial and Administrative Studies (N128): Aston

***Management* Science/Marketing (N1N5):** Stirling.
European Business Studies (4 yr inc Placements) (N1R1): Ulster
Management Studies and Spanish ***(N1R4): Bradford***
Banking and Finance (N300): UWIST
Accountancy (N400): UWIST, Stirling.
Marketing (N500): Stirling.
Home Econ (3 or 4 yr Sandwich inc Dip in Indus Sc) (N750): Ulster
Property Valuation and Management (3 yr) (N800): City
Estate Management (N8K2): Heriot Watt
Transport Management (N920): Aston.
Transport Management (N921): Aston
Textile Management (N940): Leeds.
Management and Chemical Sciences (NF11): UMIST
Mathematics-Operational Research (NG21): *Lancaster*
Accounting and Financial Management, Computer Sci (NG45): Sheffield
Accounting and Financial Management, Mathematics (NG4D): Sheffield.
Textile Economics and Management (NL91): UMIST
Accountancy/Management Science (NN14): Stirling.
Accountancy and Finance (NN34): Heriot-Watt
Business Administration-French (NR11): Aston, Stirling.
Business Administration-German (NR12): Aston
Management Science/French Language (NR1C): Stirling.
Management Science/German Language (NR1F): Stirling.
Management Science/Spanish Language (NR1K): Stirling.
Accountancy/French Language (NR4C): Stirling
Accountancy/German Language (NR4F): Stirling.
Accountancy/Spanish Language (NR4K): Stirling

International Business-French (NRC1): Aston
Business Studies/French Language (NRCC): Stirling.
Business Studies/German Language (NRCF): Stirling.
Business Studies/Spanish Language (NRCK): Stirling
International Business-German (NRD2): Aston
***International Business and Languages* (NT19):** Heriot Watt
Banking & Insurance/Modern Languages (NT39): Wales, Bangor
Language and Communication (Y400): Belfast
Combined Honours (Y424): Liverpool
International Business Communication (4 yr) (Y460): Ulster.

Polytechnic vacancies

Architectural Design (K100): Brighton, Leeds: Liverpool: Central London, South Bank, Thames: Plymouth: Portsmouth
Building (K201): Brighton, Bristol, Coventry: Liverpool: Central London, South Bank: Wales.
Building Services Engineering (K221): Newcastle
Construction (K251): Sheffield
Building Surveying (K261): South Bank: Thames
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Quantity Surveying (K281): Birmingham: *Bristol: Kingston: South* Bank: Thames; Trent: Wales
Landscape Architecture (K300): Leeds, Thames.
Town and Country Planning (K401): *Bristol: South Bank*
Urban and Regional Planning (K420): Coventry
Urban Planning Studies (K440): Central London
Planning Studies (K450): *Middlesex,* Oxford
Politics (M100): Manchester Portsmouth

Government (M138): Birmingham
Politics & Government (M140): City of London, Newcastle
International Studies (M154): N Staffs
Law (M300): Bristol, Kingston, Leicester: Liverpool: North London, Newcastle, NE London Wales, Wolverhampton
Business Law (M340): Coventry City of London
Law with French (M3R1): *Leeds*
Urban Studies (M900): Sheffield
Travel and Tourism (M901): Newcastle
Cultural Studies (M9P4): Portsmouth
Business Studies (Tourism) (MN91): North London
Housing (MN97): Bristol
Housing Studies (MN9T): Sheffield
French, Economics and Politics (MR91): Kingston
German, Economics and Politics (MR92): Kingston
Spanish, Economics and Politics (MR94): Kingston: Middlesex
Combined Studies/ Humanities/Dip HE (MT98): Middlesex
Combined Studies/ Humanities/Dip HE (MV98): Middlesex
Combined Studies/ Humanities/Dip HE (MW91): Middlesex
Modular Course (MX11): Oxford
Business Studies (N121): Liverpool, North London: Thames, Newcastle: NE London: N Staffs, Sheffield, Teesside, Wales
***European Business* Communication (N140):** Leeds
Business Studies with Languages+ European Bus (N141): Sunderland
Business Information Technology ***(N1G5): Lancashire***
Industrial and Business Systems (N1HR): Leicester
European Business Studies with Technology (N1J9): Brighton
***International Business (Italian)* (N1RH):** Sheffield
International Business (Spanish) (N1RK): Sheffield

Finance with Accounting (N3N4): NE London
Accounting (N400): North London Newcastle
Institutional Management (N701): North London, Sheffield
Hotel and Catering Management (N721): Brighton, Leeds, Middlesex
Home Economics (N750): Leeds Liverpool
Land Administration (N800): NE London
Urban Land Economics (N861): Sheffield
Estate Management (N8K2): Birmingham Central London Thames, Oxford, Wales
Office Information Tech & Language (N900): Central *London*
Industrial Studies (N901): Trent
Transport & Distribution (N921): Huddersfield
Food Textiles and Consumer Studies (N982): South Bank
Secretarial Studies (N990): Newcastle
Office Technology and Languages (N9R1): City of London
Accounting and Finance (NN34): Brighton, Bristol, Liverpool
European Studies in Finance and Acc Plus Car (NN3K): Leeds.
Accounting and Management Control (NN43): Sheffield: Wales
***International Marketing (French)* (NR5C):** Thames.
International Marketing (German) (NR5F): Thames.
***International Marketing (Spanish)* (NR5K):** *Thames*
Modular Course (NR71): Oxford
Modular Course (NR72): Oxford
Languages For Business (NT19): Oxford
Modular Course (NT72): *Oxford*
Modular Course (NT79): Oxford
Office Communication & Languages (NT99): Lancashire
Modular Course (NX41): Oxford
Modular Course (NX91): *Oxford*
Recreation Management (NX92): Sheffield
Modular Degree (Y400): Coventry Hatfield, Huddersfield: Lancashire, Leicester, *Liverpool: City of London,* Manchester NE London: N Staffs, Plymouth Sunderland, Teesside Wales
Human Ecology (Y401): Huddersfield Wolverhampton
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RACING: CECIL-TRAINED TWO-YEAR-OLD LOOKS HIGH CLASS

Salse set to confirm abundant promise of Yarmouth debut

By Mandarin

Salse, an impressive winner of his only start at Yarmouth last month and the subject of glowing reports since, can maintain his unbeaten record in the EBF Sancton Graduation stakes at York this afternoon.

A $190,000 son of the the successful American sire Topsider, Salse could hardly have made a more impressive start to his racecourse career than by beating Persian Heights by an effortless six lengths.

Although it is often tricky to gauge accurately the merit of a horse on just one run, there is every reason to suppose that the Yarmouth form is sound as Persian Heights has since come out and won by six lengths.

However, this will be a stiff test for Salse with Bellefella and Strike Force in opposition. Bellefella's main claim to fame is a fast-finishing second to Warning in the group two Richmond Stakes at Goodwood in July, but several of those behind him have been since and I am not altogether convinced of the strength of that form.

Bellefella was then made joint-favourite for the group one Heinz "57" Stakes in Ireland but found the early pace too hot and was beaten into fifth behind Digamist.

He moves up to seven furlongs here — which should suit him — but, even in receipt of 4lb from Salse, I feel the Henry Cecil-trained colt may be too strong for him.

Strike Force, third to the smart Tralos at Newmarket, cannot be ruled out but it would be a little surprising if he could overcome both Salse and Bellefella.

However, for the nap I turn to **Pilot Jet** in the Falmouth Handicap. He has been relatively lightly raced over the past two seasons but at his best has shown some useful form.

He finished third to Green Desert in last year's Free Handicap and also ran well when fourth in a listed race at Haydock Park. This will be only his fourth run of the current term, but he showed at Goodwood last Saturday that he still retains plenty of ability when finishing third to Careless Whisper (Numismatist and Dawn's Delight are both *held on that run*).

Crofter's Cline, a useful two-year-old, has been a disappointing recently but with Pat Eddery on board an improved showing would come as no surprise. The main threat, though, may be posed by Royal Crofter, who has twice been successful this season in competitive sprints.

The remarkable Golden Garter runs for the third time in four days in the Bishopthorpe Stakes. He won a good race at Ripon on Tuesday and last month led over four furlongs when third to Reprimand in the six-furlong Gimcrack Stakes here.

He demands the utmost respect despite his arduous *campaign, but I prefer the* bottom weight, **Queen's Piper**. She too has a group race placing, having finished second to Classic Ruler in the Molecomb Stakes, and most recently ran fourth to Pea Green at Newbury, and the form of that race has worked out particularly well.

The second, Blues Indigo, subsequently won a nursery and the sixth, Posada, won a valuable contest at Ripon last Monday. And as a maiden, Queen's Piper is entitled to all the allowances here.

Fleeting Affair was considered unlucky not to be awarded the Galtres Stakes here last month after being bumped by the eventual winner, Professional Girl. She goes for compensation in the Great Yorkshire Handicap, and although the extra two furlongs will suit her I feel she lacks a decisive turn of foot, which could be exploited by the improving **Altountash**.

He disappointed on soft ground at Newmarket last week but is worth another chance to confirm the favourable impression of his previous Yarmouth and Folkestone wins.

Power Bender is sure to make a bold attempt to win the Rufforth Handicap despite top weight of 10st 2lb, but he may find the concession of *27lb to* **Signore Odone**, *second* to Prince Rupert here last month, beyond him.

Sumara is likely to improve for a seventh to Hold Dear at Goodwood last month and can take the Heslington Maiden Stakes.

The Princess Royal will be attempting to ride her first National Hunt winner on her own horse, Cnoc Na Cuille, in the Droitwich Handicap Chase at Worcester today.

The combination finished second to Donaghmoyne, who re-opposes today, over the course last month, but the race may go to the recent Devon winner **Tiger Ted**.

However, the best bet on the programme could be **Princess Semele**, who is selected for the Wychavon Novices' Hurdle. Her trainer, Martin Pipe, can initiate a double with **Repetitive** (2.15).

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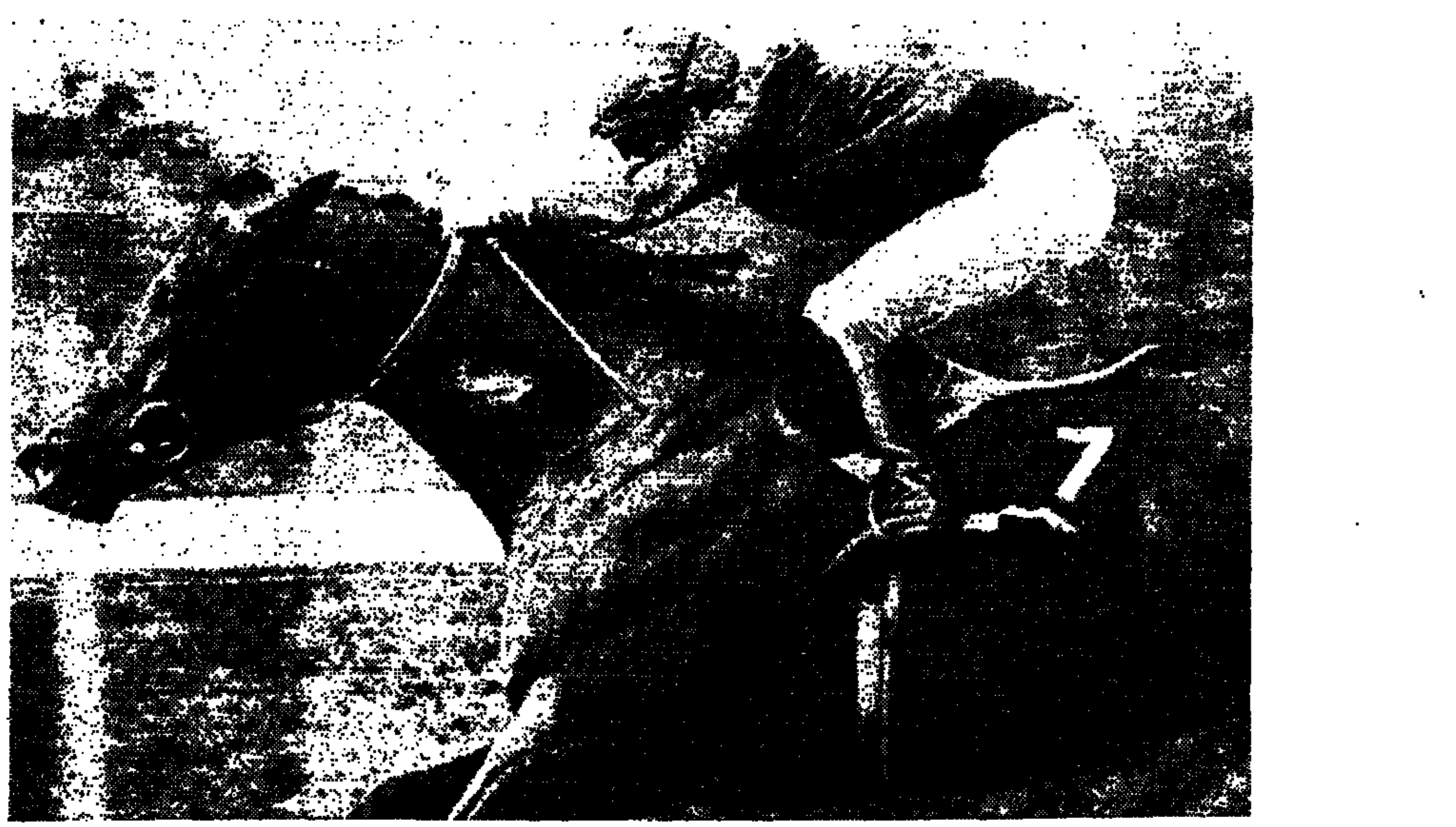

Broken Hearted, seen winning at Goodwood in July, is one of six English acceptors for Sunday's Phoenix Champion Stakes

The Ir£400,000 Phoenix Champion Stakes over 10 furlongs at the Phoenix Park on Sunday yesterday attracted 14 declarations at the four-day stage (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). Six are trained in England, five in Ireland and three in France.

The prize fund has been guaranteed by **Swettenham Stud, Coolmore Stud, Dunnes Stores and the Phoenix Park racecourse, and between them the sponsors will have to come up with almost Ir£200,000 as the owners' contribution by way of entry and acceptance fees has fallen so far below the target.**

The appearance of Triptych will depend upon the weather in Ireland. There was a great deal of rain in Dublin at the start of the week and underfoot conditions then were ideal for this much-travelled French mare.

However, it has dried up since then and if there is no further rain by the weekend it could have become too fast. It is significant that Triptych will not be flown over until the morning of the race.

In view of the weather situation Dublin **bookmaker Alan Tuthill yesterday extended the odds offered about Triptych from 13-8 to 9-4. Tuthill also reported that the only runner to attract serious backing in Dublin was the Paul Cole-trained Broken Hearted, the emphatic winner of the Extel Handicap at Goodwood last month and subsequently successful in France. He has been cut from 6-1 to 4-1, sharing second favouritism with Ascot Knight.**

Both Ascot Knight and Broken Hearted **are best on a sound surface, and a spokesman for Cole's stable said yesterday: "We certainly would not want it very soft for Broken Hearted. This represents a big step up in class for him."**

The odds against an Irish win are fairly long with the Vincent O'Brien-trained pair *Entitled, at 10-1, and Fair Judgment, at 12-1,* **the two rated to have the best chance of keeping the prize at home.**

Stable jockey Cash Asmussen has yet to make his selection although Entitled may well be the best on the day.

FOUR-DAY DECLARATIONS: Sharp Noble, Cockney Lass, Gayle Gal, Triptych, Ascot Knight, Broken Hearted, Entitled, Fair Judgment, Groom Dancer, Island Reef, Love The Groom, Motley, Risk Me, Invited Guest.

YORK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Queen's Piper.
2.30 Salse.
3.00 Altountash.
3.30 PILOT JET (nap).
4.00 Signore Odone.
4.30 Sumara.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 QUEEN'S PIPER (nap).
2.30 Salse.
3.00 Altountash.
3.30 Pilot Jet.
4.00 South Parade.
4.30 Malipiero.

By Michael Seely

2.00 Queen's Piper. 2.30 SALSE (nap). 4.00 Maksoud.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 QUEEN'S PIPER.

Going: good **Draw: low numbers best**

2.0 BISHOPTHORPE STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,908: 5f) (8 runners)

102	(7)	412101	DEALERS WHEELS 15 (CD,S) (B Russell) R Boss 9-2	M Roberts	90
104	(5)	3141	PRIESTGATE 57 (D,F) (R Speechley) W Wharton 9-2	J Carroll (5)	81
106	(6)	013101	CRAFTY CHRIS 19 (D,F,G) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 8-11	Pat Eddery	84
107	(2)	212301	GOLDEN GARTER 2 (D,F,G,S) (T Wong) M Brittain 8-11	K Darley	96
108	(1)	112420	J CHEEVER LOOPHOLE 38 (D,F) (S Astaire) C Tinkler 8-11	M Birch	85
111	(4)	013232	TENDER BAY 7 (D,G) (J Ashby) W Wharton 8-11	R Curant	85
112	(8)	140003	TOMMY DALY 7 (B,D,G) (J Daly) D A Wilson 8-11	J Reid	76
114	(3)	24324	QUEEN'S PIPER 18 (Lord Fairhaven) John FitzGerald 8-2	R Hills	● 99

● Tommy Daly will only run if there is rain

BETTING: 11-4 Queen's Piper, 3-1 Dealers Wheels, 7-2 Golden Garter, 8-1 Crafty Chris, J Cheever Loophole, 12-1 Priestgate, 14-1 Tender Bay, 20-1 Tommy Daly.

1986: CROFTERS CLINE 9-2 Pat Eddery (9-2) Capt J Wilson 5 ran

FORM CRAFTY CHRIS, winner of two 5f *races earlier in the season, on latest* start over the easy 6f at Lingfield (9-7) beat Geoffrey's Choice (8-11) a length (£2291, good to firm, Aug 15, 8 ran) with DEALERS WHEELS (9-7), weakened in the final furlong, 3¾l 7th.

DEALERS WHEELS, best at 5f with some cut, in a Listed race over this course and distance (8-12) dead-heated with Colmore Row (9-4), the pair 4l clear (£4813, soft, Aug 19, 4 ran).

PRIESTGATE (9-7) made all to beat Avidal Park (9-2) 4l at Catterick (6f, £1308, firm, Jly 8, 6 ran).

GOLDEN GARTER made all to win well by 2l from Re-Release (9-6) at Ripon (6f, £4237, good to firm, Sep 1).

QUEENS PIPER always struggling to go the pace at Newbury (5f) last time, previously (8-7) ran a fine race to finish 1½l 2nd to Classic Ruler (8-12) in the Molecomb Stakes at Goodwood (5f, £18603, good to firm, Jly 31, 7 ran).

Selection: QUEENS PIPER

2.30 EBF SANCTON GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O C&G: £4,292: 7f) (7 runners)

206	(5)	1	SALSE 28 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-1	S Cauthen	93
207	(6)	2	APACHE 27 (G Reed) C Thornton 8-11	J Bleasdale	76
208	(3)	320	BELLEFELLA 25 (BF) (E Evans) C Nelson 8-11	J Reid	● 99
209	(4)	3	CAMDEN KNIGHT 26 (D Pickles) N Bycroft 8-11	M Birch	72
211	(2)	0	EJAY HAITCH 24 (Mrs E Handley) H Wharton 8-11	D Nicholls	—
213	(1)		MAKSUD (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 8-11	M Roberts	—
215	(7)	23	STRIKE FORCE 56 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	C Asmussen	77

BETTING: 7-4 Bellefella, 2-1 Salse, 9-2 Strike Force, 8-1 Maksud, 14-1 Apache, 16-1 Camden Knight, 25-1 Ejay Haitch.

1986: BENGAL FIRE 8-11 C Asmussen (11-4) C Brittain 8 ran

FORM SALSE, already prominent in the ante-post lists for next year's classics, impressive debutant at Yarmouth when long odds-on (9-0) beating Persian Heights (9-0) a very easy 2½l (6f, Mdn, £1488, good to firm, Aug 6, 4 ran).

APACHE (9-0) running on 2½l 2nd to Mashmoon (8-9) at Haydock on debut (6f, Mdn, £2089, good, Aug 7, 6 ran).

BELLEFELLA made joint favourite for the Heinz 57 at Phoenix Park on the strength of a (8-11) fast finishing 1½l 2nd to Warning (8-11) in the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood (6f, £36630, good to firm, Jly 29, 7 ran).

In Ireland (9-0) outpaced until running on inside the final furlong to finish 2½l 5th to Digamist (9-0) (6f, £164950, firm, Aug 9, 12 ran). Today's 7f should suit him well.

MAKSUD is a $575,000 Nijinsky colt who is closely related to top-class miler Northjet and to several winners in Europe and North America.

STRIKE FORCE (9-0) 3rd running on close me beaten 2¾l by Tralos (9-0) in a Newmarket maiden (6f, £4364, good to firm, Jly 9, 11 ran) and will stay 7f.

Selection: BELLEFELLA

3.0 GREAT YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (£2,972: 1m 6f) (8 runners)

301	(1)	0-43202	FLEETING AFFAIR 14 (F,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) G Harwood 4-10-0	G Starkey	● 99
304	(7)	021310	ALTOUNTASH 6 (D,F,G) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 3-9-0	W R Swinburn	89
305	(3)	340210	TRAPEZE ARTIST 15 (D,F,G) (Introgroup Holdings) N Vigors 6-8-8	S Dawson	95
306	(6)	304203-	SPECIAL VINTAGE 300 (D,F) (J Murdoch) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-8-7	S Cauthen	91
308	(4)	21/2039	TRICKSHOT 13 (B,CD,F,G,S) (R Dowsett) C Tinkler 8-8-5	M Birch	96
311	(8)	200040	AL SHAMKH 8 (F) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 4-7-13	M Roberts	96
312	(2)	3-02003	JURISPRUDENCE 27 (F,G) (R Sangster) J Watts 4-7-11	L Charnock	96
313	(5)	031141	MISCHIEVOUS MISS 22 (F,G) (W Barker) Miss S Hall 3-7-7	J Lowe	98

BETTING: 7-2 Fleeting Affair, 9-2 Mischievous Miss, 5-1 Trapeze Artist, 11-2 Altountash, 7-1 Jurisprudence, 8-1 Special Vintage, 12-1 Al Shamikh, 14-1 Trickshot.

1986: WASSL REEF 3-9-7 W Carson (5-1) J Dunlop 10 ran

FORM FLEETING AFFAIR (9-4) 2nd despite being bumped by the winner, beaten 1¾l by Professional Girl (8-4) here (1m 4f, £7544, good to soft, Aug 20, 8 ran). Should relish the return to a longer trip today.

ALTOUNTASH disappointed at Newmarket last Friday, previously (9-4) *made all to beat Halcanor* (9-4) a comfortable 3l at Folkestone (1m 7f 100y, £959, good to firm, Aug 11, 5 ran).

TRAPEZE ARTIST, below form when carrying a 7lb penalty in the Ebor over this course and distance, was a winner in Ostend (1m 6f) prior to that, and earlier, (8-11) ran 3l 2nd to Chiclet at Kempton (1m6f, £3064, firm, Jly 1, 6 ran).

TRICKSHOT, tailed off last of seven at Chester recently, previously (8-13) ran 1¾l 3rd to John Dorey (8-11) at Redcar (1m 6f 150y, £3896, good, Jly 29, 8 ran), with MISCHIEVOUS MISS (7-7) ¾l 4th.

MISCHIEVOUS MISS has won three Catterick handicaps all over 1m 5f 180y, latest (9-3) despite putting head in air, beat Lucayan Gold (8-11) shade comfortably by a length (£1797, firm, Aug 12, 12 ran).

Selection: TRAPEZE ARTIST

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. *BF-beaten favourite in latest race).* Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.30 FALMOUTH HANDICAP (£8,168: 6f) (12 runners)

402	(12)	410-003	PILOT JET 5 (D,F,G) (Tedwood Bloodstock) R Williams 4-9-10	R Cochrane	97
403	(5)	0-02400	ATALL ATALL 16 (F,G) (A Millward) E Eldin 4-9-8	B Raymond	94
405	(6)	300340-	KARMO 319 (D,F) (M Ali) W Brooks 4-9-3	D McKay	—
406	(9)	403000	NUMISMATIST 5 (D,F,G) (Miss A Whitfield) M Francis 8-8-9	N Carlisle	96
407	(4)	001300	DAWN'S DELIGHT 5 (D,F,G,S) (K Ivory) K Ivory 9-8-8	M Wigham	94
408	(10)	400300	CROFTER'S CLINE 16 (C,D,F,G) (D Beresford) Capt J Wilson 3-8-7	Pat Eddery	95
409	(3)	011204	ROYAL CROFTER 29 (D,G,S) (Mrs J Mountifield) M H Easterby 3-8-4	M Birch	95
411	(8)	004200	CREE BAY 12 (B,D,F,G,S) (D Oseman) J Spearing 8-8-0	W Carson	● 99
412	(11)	1-13000	SPITZABIT 54 (D,G) (Mrs C Reed) Pat Mitchell 3-7-12	R Fox	93
413	(7)	303000	NO BEATING HARTS 34 (D,F,S) (T Hart) M McCormack 4-7-7	P Barnard (7)	93
414	(2)	430030	ELSOCKO 24 (R Shaw) B McMahon 4-7-7	L Charnock	87
415	(1)	202100	CAPTAIN'S BIDD 5 (F,G) (R Whiting) H Whiting 7-7-7	P Hill	71

BETTING: 5-2 Pilot Jet, 4-1 Royal Crofter, 5-1 Crofter's Cline, 6-1 Numismatist, 7-1 Atall Atall, 10-1 Cree Bay, 12-1 Dawn's Delight, 16-1 others.

1986: MANTON DAN 3-9-2 P Cook (6-1) N Vigors 13 ran

FORM PILOT JET on reappearance showed improved form (9-5) running 1¾l 3rd to Careless Whisper (7-9) at Goodwood (6f, £12399, good to firm, Aug 29, 15 ran) with NUMISMATIST (8-4) a length 5th and DAWN'S DELIGHT (8-3) the same distance 8th.

NUMISMATIST is best judged on a (9-10) ½l beating of Norton Melody (8-0) at Pontefract (6f, £5663, firm, Jly 6, 11 ran) with CREE BAY (9-8) 2l 4th.

CROFTER'S CLINE, weakened after halfway on soft ground over this course and distance, previously (9-10) ran 5¾l 6th to Young Inca (9-9) at Goodwood (6f, £4893, firm, Aug 1, 7 ran).

ROYAL CROFTER not disgraced last three starts and remains well handicapped judged on a (9-8) 1½l beating of Joe Sugden (9-7) at Ripon (5f, £2578, good, Jun 24, 9 ran).

CREE BAY, yet to win this season but good placed efforts include a (9-2) ¾l 2nd to fast improving Umbelata (9-6) at Sandown (5f, £3231, soft, Jly 22, 11 ran).

Selection: ROYAL CROFTER

4.0 RUFFORTH HANDICAP (£3,459: 1m 1f) (10 runners)

501	(4)	221302	POWER BENDER 33 (F,G) (Addison Tool) G Pritchard-Gordon 5-10-2	B Raymond	94
502	(10)	102-004	ROYAL HALO 26 (F,G,S) (Mrs D Campbell) G Harwood 6-9-4	G Starkey	89
505	(7)	204000	RED RUSSELL 5 (D,G,S) (P Carr) Mrs G Reveley 6-8-10	M Birch	93
507	(2)	0-201	RIOT SQUAD 59 (G) (Lord Derby) J Watts 3-8-10	S Cauthen	90
508	(1)	02112	SOUTH PARADE 12 (F,G) (Hippodromo Racing) W Jarvis 3-8-5	T Lucas	94
511	(3)	120302	SIGNORE ODONE 14 (F) (B Shaw) M H Easterby 5-8-3	J Lowe	92
512	(6)	0-123	MAKSOUD 29 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 3-7-13	M Roberts	92
517	(9)	200000-	ROMANTIC UNCLE 314 (S) (P Cockcroft) H Wharton 4-7-7	N Carlisle	90
518	(6)	0/440-	BOLD CELT 334 (J Haggerty) C Booth 4-7-7	L Charnock	85
519	(5)	300000	QUALITAIR FLYER 35 (C,F,S) (Qualitair Eng Ltd) K Stone 5-7-7	A Mackay	● 99

BETTING: 7-2 South Parade, 9-2 Maksoud, Power Bender, 5-1 Signore Odone, 7-1 Riot Squad, Royal Halo, 10-1 Red Russell, 14-1 others.

1986: ATOKA 4-9-1 R Hills (4-1 jt-fav) John FitzGerald 8 ran

FORM POWER BENDER (10-0) far from disgraced when ½l 2nd to Abutammam (8-6) at Newmarket (1m 2f, £3935, good, Aug 1, 8 ran).

Earlier in the season (9-11) finished 2¾l 3rd to Knockando (8-8) at Redcar (1m 2f, £11899, firm, May 25, 13 ran) with RED RUSSELL (8-5) back in 8th and QUALITAIR FLYER (7-13) in 9th.

ROYAL HALO (9-10) stayed on at one pace from the distance when 2¾l 4th of 6 to Algirm (8-6) at Newmarket (1m 2f, £4039, good, Aug 8).

RED RUSSELL (9-4) is best judged on a 1¾l 4th to Haber (9-10) at Doncaster (7f, £5745, good, Jun 12, 8 ran).

RIOT SQUAD (9-0) made all to beat Bob Forest (9-0) a very easy 7l at Pontefract (1m, £2133, good, Jly 6, 11 ran).

SOUTH PARADE (10-0) beaten a head by Bronze Runner (9-10) at Sandown (1m 2f, amat, £1898, good, Aug 22, 14 ran).

SIGNORE ODONE (7-12) returned to best when 7l 2nd to potentially high-class Prince Rupert (8-8) here (1m, £22143, good to soft, Aug 20, 12 ran).

MAKSOUD (8-13) never quite got to the principals when 3½l 3rd to Clopton (7-7) at Yarmouth (1m 2f, £2618, good, Aug 5, 6 ran).

Selection: RED RUSSELL

4.30 HESLINGTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,174: 1m) (11 runners)

601	(8)		CAMINO REAL (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	C Asmussen	—
602	(9)	043220	CHESHAM SQUIRE 15 (Y Nasib) P Walwyn 9-0	B Thomson	● 99
603	(1)	0-0080	KASH JUWAIN 23 (B) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	J Reid	—
604	(11)	44	MALIPIERO 8 (C St George) W Jarvis 9-0	S Cauthen	84
605	(2)	0	ONE MAN BAND 140 (Mrs D Adams) John FitzGerald 9-0	R Hills	—
606	(6)	00	RING HOME 38 (D Franks) M Naughton 9-0	A Culhane (5)	—
607	(4)		SURPLUS CASH 8 (A Massingberd-Mundy) W Elsey 9-0	N Connorton	—
608	(10)	402220	BOLD DUCHESS 26 (F Lee) M Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	90
609	(7)	3-3	CASHMERE N CAVIAR 42 (H Boone) R Williams 8-11	T Ives	95
610	(5)	00	PICKLED 65 (R Trussell Jr) B Hanbury 8-11	Pat Eddery	96
611	(3)	0	SUMARA 8 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-11	R Cochrane	—

BETTING: 3-1 Chesham Squire, 4-1 Cashmere N Caviar, 9-2 Camino Real, 6-1 Sumara, 7-1 Bold Duchess, Pickled, 9-1 Malipiero, 12-1 others.

1986: USFAN 9-0 W Carson (9-4) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM CHESHAM SQUIRE (9-1) hampered inside the distance when 6th to Norfolk Breeze (8-11) at Yarmouth (1m, good to firm) last time.

Earlier (9-0) looked none to keen when a neck 2nd to Instinctive (9-0) at Sandown (1m, £2296, soft, Jly 23, 11 ran) with CASHMERE N CAVIAR (8-11) 2l away in 3rd.

CASHMERE N CAVIAR, however, showed better form on only juvenile outing when (8-11) 1¾l 3rd to Genghiz (9-0) at Newmarket (7f, £3776, good to firm, Aug 8, 10 ran).

MALIPIERO (9-0) could only stay on at one pace when 2¾l 4th to Always Special (8-11) at Beverley (1m, £1028, soft, Aug 26, 13 ran) with SURPLUS CASH (9-0) back in 9th.

BOLD DUCHESS (8-11) best judged on penultimate outing when 2l 2nd to South Parade (9-0) at Hamilton (1m, £959, good, Jly 16, 9 ran).

PICKLED disappointed last time at Yarmouth (1m, good).

Earlier on debut 2l 5th to Nuryana (8-11) here (1m, £8597, good to soft, Jun 13, 13 ran).

SUMARA (8-11) will have benefitted from a debut 7th to Hold Dear (8-11) at Goodwood (1m, £2847, good Aug 28, 14 ran).

Selection: CASHMERE N CAVIAR

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
H Cecil	34	103	33.0
M Stoute	29	148	19.6
G Wragg	15	79	19.0
C Nelson	8	45	17.8
B Hanbury	10	62	16.1
B Hills	25	172	14.5

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	60	309	19.4
W Carson	61	315	19.4
S Cauthen	54	310	17.4
W R Swinburn	28	171	16.4
R Hills	8	54	14.8

Only qualifiers

WORCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Repetitive.
2.45 Home Command.
3.15 Monclare Trophy.
3.45 Tiger Ted.

4.15 Princess Semele.
4.45 Bronski.
5.15 Oratorio.

Going: firm

2.15 HARTLEBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£619: 2m 2f) (6 runners)

1	040-311	REPETITIVE 9 (F) (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-11-11 (7ex)	J Lower	● 99
3	0040-P0	WALMER SANDS 6 (A Parton) B Preece 5-11-10	G Landau	—
4	PP0F-23	KNIGHTLY DIA 5 (V,BF) (R Carrington) K Bridgwater 4-11-9	K Ryan (4)	98
5	140P/04	ORVILLE'S SONG 26 (F) (Mrs J Leighton) A Leighton 8-11-4	C Smith	90
7	0000P-4	CULLEN'S PET 5 (B) (J Cullen) W Morris 4-11-4	Candy Moore (4)	—
11	P0-P	SEAGO 31 (B) (J Tucker) A Barrow 4-11-4	H Davies	—

BETTING: 1-3 Repetitive, 9-2 Knightly Dia, 11-2 Orville's Song, 25-1 Cullen's Pet, 33-1 Walmer Sands, Seago.

1986: HADDAK 5-9-13 C Evans (7-2) B Palling 13 ran

2.45 REDDITCH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,386: 2m) (4 runners)

5	B00P-UF	CHESTNUT PRINCE 6 (CD,F) (I Burston) P Pritchard 12-11-10	N Fearn	—
6	PU0364-	FLAMING TIDE 100 (B,G) (P O'Connor) P O'Connor 9-11-7	J Quinn	97
7	2UP-002	SIR LESTER 6 (F,S) (Mrs P Lee) J Thomas 11-11-5	J Osborne	● 99
8	000/0F1-	HOME COMMAND 122 (D,F,G) (S Martin) J Bradley 7-11-4	D Tegg	97

BETTING: 4-5 Sir Lester, 9-4 Home Command, 4-1 Flaming Tide, 33-1 Chestnut Prince.

1986: DEEP RIDGE 8-11-8 W Irvine (9-4 jt-fav) R Hodges 8 ran

3.15 MALVERN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,006: 2m) (7 runners)

4	000B-42	TAFFY JONES 17 (D,F,S) (P Hayes) M McCormack 8-11-10	G McCourt	98
6	42101-8	MONCLARE TROPHY 21 (D,F) (L Goddard) P Bevan 8-11-8	R Dunwoody	95
10	000221-	RUSTY RUPERT 99 (D,F) (K Nocquet) H O'Neill 6-10-12	S Smith Eccles	96
11	00/41F0-	ARMORAD 289 (D,F) (S Smith) R Juckes 5-10-8	NON-RUNNER	
12	0110-31	BEDROCK 5 (B,D,F) (N Barnes) M Pipe 4-10-10 (7ex)	J Lower	91
13	UF01-00	TIARUM 5 (D,G) (M Ledbury) A Chamberlain 5-10-2	R Powell	92
14	1001F0-	FLEET FOOTED 105 (S) (Miss W Redman) J Jenkins 4-10-1	S Sherwood	● 99

BETTING: 11-4 Taffy Jones, 100-30 Bedrock, 7-2 Rusty Rupert, Monclare Trophy, 8-1 Fleet Footed, 16-1 Tiarum.

1986: (3m) DROPSHOT 11-8-13 Richard Guest (8-1) G Balding 12 ran

3.45 DROITWICH HANDICAP CHASE (£1,745: 3m) (7 runners)

2	0-31342	DONAGHMOYNE 1 (CD,F,G) (C Ward) Miss L Bower 10-11-11 (7ex)	Mr T Grantham (4)	92
3	0003U-2	CNOC NA CUILLE 17 (F,G) (Princess Royal) D Nicholson 10-11-10	Princess Royal	97
4	24102-2	THE ROYAL COMRIE 20 (F) (Miss N Hanton) G Ham 8-11-8	A Jones	98
5	P3/P11-1	TIGER TED 29 (F) (C Jones) P Bailey 7-11-6	B Powell	● 99
7	23011-P	ABOUSHABUN 3 (BF,F,S) (R Starke) G Ham 7-11-3	NON-RUNNER	—
10	2PPFPP-	THREE CHANCES 161 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Tayler-Lewy) R Champion 8-10-6	R Rowe	—
14	444P0P-	JIMMY MIFF 113 (CD,F,G,S) (I Wardle) I Wardle 15-10-0	M Williams	88

BETTING: 5-4 Tiger Ted, 5-2 Cnoc Na Cuille, 3-1 The Royal Comrie, 6-1 Donaghmoyne, 16-1 Jimmy Miff, 25-1 Three Chances.

1986: THOMASCOURT 8-11-7 Peter Hobbs (8-1) P Hobbs 18 ran

4.15 WYCHAVON NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £685: 2m) (6 runners)

3		CHUNKY SUPREME (T Houlbrooke) T Houlbrooke 11-0	Mr T Houlbrooke	—
6		FALSIDE (Mrs H Stack) J Douglas-Home 11-0	J White	—
8		NELSAC (G Molen) G Ham 11-0	A Jones	—
9	1	PRINCESS SEMELE 21 (F) (Otterdawn Assoc. Ltd) M Pipe 11-0	J Lower	—
12	13	ROYAL MEETING 9 (F) (Mrs J Murray Smith) D Murray Smith 11-0	P Croucher	—
20	2	WE'RE IN THE MONEY 9 (J Sparks) J Francome 10-9	S Smith Eccles	—

BETTING: 11-10 Princess Semele, 7-2 Royal Meeting, 4-1 We're In The Money, 8-1 Falside, 14-1 Chunky Supreme, 16-1 Nelsac.

1986: LONDON CONTACT 11-0 P Leach (3-1 fav) M Pipe 13 ran

4.45 ALCESTER NOVICES CHASE (£1,425: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

2	BP0FFP/	AUTUMN SHOW 511 (Mrs P Sivier) Miss S Oliver 8-11-7	J Duggan	—
3	0342-12	BRONSKI 3 (BF,F,S) (C Donovan) J Jenkins 8-11-7	S Sherwood	● 99
9	F2-4323	MASTER BRABINGER 9 (J Tucker) A Barrow 9-11-7	H Davies	57
12	0BP234-	STRATHLINE 99 (F) (R Fairers) M Oliver 7-11-7	E Buckley (4)	83

BETTING: 4-7 Bronski, 3-1 Master Brabinger, 5-1 Strathline, 20-1 Autumn Show.

1986: OAKLEY HOUSE 7-11-7 S Shilston (2-1 fav) F Walwyn 15 ran

5.15 GRUNWICK STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£665: 2m) (4 runners)

1	12-	ORATORIO 153 (D,F) (Sarll & Co Ltd) I Wardle 4-11-12	D Morris (7)	—
7		THE FLY BOYS (B Forsey) B Forsey 5-11-7	C Llewellyn (7)	—
11	0-	POPESWOOD 106 (N Hitchins) W Wightman 4-11-6	Mr G Kille (7)	—
14		MARSH MINK (F Habberfield) P Hobbs 5-11-2	I Wright (7)	—

BETTING: 1-4 Oratorio, 5-1 Marsh Mink, 10-1 Popeswood, 16-1 The Fly Boys.

1986: SEA FLOWER 4-10-7 Miss T Davies (9-2) D Barons 25 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Jenkins	35	144	24.3
D Nicholson	28	134	20.9

Only qualifiers

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Sherwood	21	69	30.4
H Davies	32	214	15.0
R Dunwoody	13	113	11.5
G McCourt	13	117	11.1
B Powell	11	129	8.5

Only qualifiers

Reference Point impresses in St Leger preparation

By Michael Seely

Reference Point, having his first serious workout since straining a muscle in his back in the Great Voltigeur Stakes, delighted Henry Cecil and Steve Cauthen in a gallop yesterday morning and is now firmly on target for the St Leger and the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

Cauthen rode Louis Freedman's winner of the Derby *and King George VI and Queen* Elizabeth Diamond Stakes in a spin over 10 furlongs on the Racecourse Side with Orban and All Haste. "He went really well and has never been better." commented the jockey.

At York yesterday the 27-year-old Kentucky-born rider continued in irresistible vein when landing a double of nearly *76-1 on Captain Holly and* Derry Kestrel. The gap between Cauthen and Pat Eddery in the exciting race for this year's jockeys' championship has now widened to five, Cauthen now having 145 successes to his credit.

When capturing the Quintin Gilbey Silver Trophy on Captain Holly, the famous invisible clock in the jockey's head has never worked better as he made the early running before going clear of his rivals 2½ furlongs from home.

Travel Magic and Boot Polish, the joint favourites, were never seen with a chance, but Sharp Times stayed on to take second place. Peter Makin, the Marlbrough trainer, has now had six winners in the past 10 days.

The valuable handicaps may be posing insuperable problems to punters and giving night*mares to hard-pressed tipsters*, but they certainly provide entertaining finishes. In the £7,000 UK Optical Stakes, Hard Won, the favourite, was struggling to go the pace as Cauthen and Derry Kestral gained the upper hand inside the distance. Cash Asmussen then launched a spirited attack on Northern Isle but their challenge failed by a head.

This victory was certainly a bonus for Cauthen as Paul Cook had been engaged to ride Nick Vigors's three-year-old. But Cook, John Reid and Richard Quinn were all delayed on their joint journey from Berkshire in the same car and failed to arrive in time.

Without doubt, the riding performance of the afternoon was put up by Bruce Raymond, who gave a masterly exhibition of tactical jockeyship on Crown Ridge in the Sun Life Of Canada Garrowby Stakes. After sending the eventual winner past Wood Chisel just inside the final furlong, the 47-year-old stylist certainly gave no quarter to Carson as the five-times champion jockey conjured a late run from Orient Line. The winning combination held on for a head victory.

This victory continued a successful first season being enjoyed by Chris Wall as private trainer to Ivan Allen. Luca Cumani's former assistant has now saddled eight winners from the 20 horses that he has in his care at Newmarket.

The listed Strensall Stakes resulted in a decisive win for Jeremy Hindley's stable when *Michael Hills drove* Lockton past the post a 1½ lengths in front of Shady Heights.

"The colt will run in the Select Stakes at Goodwood on Friday week." Hindley said, "the owners then want to send him to the United States. After running at Meadowlands he'll be put into training over there with either John Russell or Angel Penna

Robert Armstrong was only partially satisfied with the running of Shady Heights, the one-time favourite for the Derby and the colt for whom George Tong once turned down an offer of $4 million.

"I was only 90 per cent happy," said the trainer. "He still isn't moving quite right and didn't like the dead ground. He's *staying in training next year*, but I have no immediate plans."

Armstrong then added that Invited Guest would only run in Dublin on Saturday if Triptych were to be withdrawn from the Phoenix Champion Stakes.

Swinburn will consider appeal

Walter Swinburn will decide today whether to appeal against *a four-day ban for careless* **riding on Y V Tucker imposed by the Epsom stewards on Tuesday (Michael Seely writes).**

Y V Tucker was disqualified *after passing the post first in the* **St Johns Ambulance Centenary Nursery having been found to have interferred with Miss Alkie.**

Swinburn and his agent, the former jockey Edward Hide, will view the camera patrol film at York today and then decide whether to take further action.

"I don't think it was a case of careless riding. If they take all the facts into account, including the fact that the horse was blinkered for the first time, it could be different," Swinburn said.

Cumani to wait on Shabib

The weights for the Autumn double, the Cambridgeshire and the Cesarewitch, both to be run at Newmarket next month, were announced yesterday.

Interest in the William Hill Cambridgeshire quickly concentrated on Luca Cumani, successful last year with Dallas. The Newmarket trainer has five *entries, including the leading* fancy Shabib, but has no immediate thoughts on the race.

"I cannot say what will run until I have seen all the weights, and participation will be determined by relative weight and well-being nearer the time," he said.

Last year's fifth, Pasticcio, heads the weights, but is not a certain runner. "Ten stones is a bit of a hump and he is very doubtful at this stage," said trainer Michael Jarvis. A decision may follow Pasticcio's next race, the Kiveton Park Stakes at Doncaster next Thursday.

The entries for the second leg, the Tote Cesarewitch, are dominated by Guy Harwood, who has eight entries near the top of the handicap. However, the top weight, the Paul Cole-trained Nisnas, is a doubtful starter.

"His weight is quite amusing but I suppose he is entitled to it," said Cole. "I will see how he comes out of his next race, probably the Blandford Stakes at the Curragh on September 26, before making a decision, but he *is unlikely to run.*"

Also engaged are Daarkom, winner of the Ebor Handicap at York, last Satuday's Goodwood winner Ala Hounak, and Angel City, the winner of his last five races.

WILLIAM HILL CAMBRIDGESHIRE HANDICAP (Leading weights): Pasticcio, 4 years, weight 10st 0lb, Tahilla 3-9-12, Noora Abu 5-9-12, Kuluma 5-9-12, Navarzato 4-9-11, Romantic Prince 3-9-11, Vague Shot 4-9-11, Free Fact 3-9-10, Nebris 6-9-9, Gayle Gal 4-9-9, Genghiz 3-9-9, Loud Appeal 3-9-8, Power Bender 5-9-7, Prince Rupert 3-9-7, Turfah 4-9-6, Media Starguest 3-9-6, Patriach 5-9-4, Chartino 4-9-4, Hydraulic Power 3-9-4, Balakirev 3-9-3, Tamourad 3-9-2, Slaney 5-9-1, Cresta Auction 4-9-1, True Gent 3-9-0, *Sanaabell 3-9-0, On Tap 3-8-13*, Taruffle 3-8-13, Commonsidr Gipsy 3-8-13, Propensity 3-8-13, Astronaut Prince 3-8-12, Bin Shadded 3-8-12, Taysha 3-8-12, Zarbyev 3-8-12, Cry For The Clown 3-8-11, Just A Flutter 3-8-11, Dr Bulasco 3-8-10, Bronzewing 3-8-10, Freeby's *Preacher 3-8-9, King Balladeer 3-8-9*, Fatal Charm 3-8-9, Royal Halo 6-8-8, Lashing 3-8-7, Rana Pratap 7-8-7, Kedron 4-8-7, Gold Prospect 5-8-6, Pixie Erin 3-8-6, Freedom's Choice 5-8-6, Sharblask 3-8-6, Star Of A Gunner 7-8-5, Crown Ridge 3-8-5, Docksider 4-8-4, Farfurr 3-8-4, Open Hero 4-8-4, Riot Squad 3-8-3, *Schaufuss 3-8-3, Shabib 3-8-3, Trojan* Desert 3-8-3, Versatile 3-8-3, Landski 4-8-3, Know All 3-8-3, Swimmer 5-8-3, Bashayer 3-8-2, My Noble Lord 3-8-2, Brave Defender 3-8-2, Paleface 3-8-2, Cynomis 4-8-2, Bold Pillager 5-8-2, Mount Holyoke 3-8-2. (To be run over 1m 1f at Newmarket October 3).

HILL'S BETTING: 20-1 Prince Rupert, Shabib, 25-1 Gold Prospect, Lashing, Local Hero, Tamourad.

TOTE: 20-1 Shabib, 25-1 Pasticcio, Prince Rupert, Media Starguest.

TOTE CESAREWITCH HANDICAP (Leading weights): *Nisnas, 4 years, weight* 10st 0lb, Kudz 4-9-7, Daarkom 4-9-4, Condor Pan 4-9-4, El Conquistador 4-9-3, Angel City 3-9-0, Actinium 4-9-0, Ramich John 5-8-12, White Clover 4-8-11, Tavin 4-8-8, Buckley 4-8-7, Waterfield 3-8-7, Knights Legend 4-8-6, Bannerol 4-8-6, Ivory Fields 3-8-6 Lashkaldal 4-8-6, Majestician 4-8-5, *Sudden Victory 3-8-5, Cap Del Mond 4-8-4*, Pactolus 4-8-4, Ala Hounak 3-8-3, Altountash 3-8-1, Lie In Wait 4-8-1, Shamshek 3-8-1, Dunphy's Special 3-8-0, Halcanor 3-7-12, Jamesmead 6-7-12, Ambassador 4-7-11, The Gaelcharn 3-7-11, Shtaifeh 4-7-11, Kayudee 7-7-11, Surf *Board 3-7-10, Emerald Point 4-7-9*, Double Benz 5-7-9, Revisit 5-7-9, Sneak Preview 7-7-9, Cockatoo Island 3-7-9, Pokey's Pride 4-7-8. (To be run over 2m 2f at Newmarket on October 17).

HILL'S BETTING: 12-1 Ala Hounak, Ivory Fields, 16-1 Buckley, Daarkom.

TOTE: 12-1 Ivory Fields, 14-1 Ala Hounak, 16-1 Daarkom, Buckley, Cockatoo Island.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

York

Good: good

2.0 (6f) 1. MOOGIE (R Cochrane, 11-4); 2. Timely (C Asmussen, 13-2); 3. Always Alone (T Ives, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Abaya (4th), 25 Cool Combination (5th). 5 ran. 1l, 4l, 2½l, 1½l. R Sheather at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £2.50. DF: £11.40. CSF: £16.31. 1min 16.25sec.

2.30 (7f) 1. CAPTAIN HOLLY (S Cauthen, 8-1); 2, Sharp Times (R Price, 7-1); 3, Aconitum (W Carson, 33-1) 3. ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt-favs Travel Magic, Boot Polish (5th), 5 Lord Patrick, 8 Ben Ledi (6th), Larioch, 10 Mohamed Abdu (4th). 9 ran. 3l, 1l, ½l, 2l, 1½l. P Makin at Marlborough. Tote: £9.40; £2.50, £2.30, £5.90. DF: £37.00. CSF: £57.08. Tricast: £1580.09. 1min 25.25sec.

3.0 (1m 4f) 1, CROWN RIDGE (B Raymond, 7-1; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Orient Line (W Carson, 5-1); 3, Wood Chisel (C Asmussen, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Pipsted (6th), 11-2 Jinxy Jack (5th), 7 Proceed On (4th), 8 Mr Pintips, 12 Paleface, 14 Beeshi, 25 Forcing Bid. 10 ran. hd, 4l, 8l, 1l, hd. C Wall at Newmarket. Tote: £16.00; £3.40, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £24.90. CSF: £40.47. Tricast: £324.20. 2min 33.72sec. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

3.30 (1m) 1, DERRY KESTREL (S Cauthen, 15-2); 2, Northern Isle (C Asmussen, 7-1); 3, Loch Fleet (M Birch, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Hard Won (4th), *9-2 Macho Man, 6 Street Minstrel*, 10 Bollin Patrick (6th), 11 Bywell Lad (4th), 16 Order Paper, Starlotte. 10 ran. hd, 1½l, 3l, 5l, 1l. N Vigors at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £9.90; £2.40, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £29.20. CSF: £58.49. Tricast: £292.32. 1min 41.15sec.

4.0 (1m 1f) 1. LOCKTON (M Hills, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, *Shady Heights (S Cauthen, 5-2 jt-fav)*; 3, Bengal Fire (M Roberts, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Dallas (6th), 11 Turfah (5th), 25 Ninth Saga (4th). 6 ran. 1½l, sh hd, 1l, 7l, 8l. J Hindley at Newmarket. Tote: £4.20; £1.80, £1.80. DF: £4.20. CSF £8.55. 1min 53.61sec. After a stewards inquiry the result stands.

4.30 (1m 4f) 1, PERSIAN STYLE (M Roberts, 14-1); 2, Lumberjack (G Starkey, 4-6 fav); 3, Prideaux (Pat Eddery, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Goldfields (6th), 10 Shahnizam (4th), 14 I Shall Stay (5th). 6 ran. NR: *Star Arrangement*. 10l, hd, 4l, dist, 10l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £16.80; £3.90, £1.90. DF: £11.90. CSF: £24.29. 2min 37.26sec.

Jackpot: Not won. Pool of £27,16.75 carried forward to York today. Placepot: £155.30.

Newton Abbot

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 150yd ch) 1, YANGTSE-KIANG (G Davies, 3-1); 2, Butlers Pet (P Scudamore, 4-1); 3, Lector (C Brown, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Sedgewell Lad (f). 4 ran. 3l, 25l. J Bradley at Chepstow. Tote: £3.60. DF: £6.40. CSF: £12.11.

2.45 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, KING OF THE *SEA (R Hyett, 4-7 fav); 2, Tax Bit (Tracy* Turner, 9-1); 3, Awaneez (J Duggan, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Fizz (ur), 25 Eastern Grey (pu), The Allied (4th), 66 Tom's Little Will (5th). 7 ran. NR: Morning Exchange. 5l, 12l, 1½l, dist. Mrs S Oliver at *Wolverhampton*. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £3.50. CSF: £6.08.

3.15 (3m 2f 100yd ch) 1, COLONEL CHRISTY (G McCourt, Evens fav); 2, Donaghmoyne (Mr T Grantham, 8-1); 3, Another Warden (S Shilston, 6-1) 3. ALSO RAN: 3 Triska (4th), 12 Three Chances (f), 33-1 Hi Darlin' (ur). 6 ran. 20l, 2½l, dist. H O'Neil at Dorking. Tote: win £1.90 places *£1.50, £3.30*. DF: £3.80. CSF: £8.54.

3.45 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, THAT'S NICE (I Shoemark, 10-1); 2, Sanlit (T Storrar, evens fav); 3, Sir Wager (W Humphreys, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Kingswood Nell, 5 Indian Officer (5th), 10 *Stormy Haze*, 20 Light Hills (6th), Midsummer Walk (4th), 33 Baldareen, Duncliffe Dancer (pu), 50 Sundown Sky. 11 ran. 6l, 4l, 8l, 3l, 25l. P Hedger at Chichester. Tote: £7.90; £1.70, £1.10, £4.30. DF: £9.60. CSF: £21.11 Sold R Short 1,300gns.

4.15 (2m 5f ch) 1, INFO (D Morris, 2-9 fav); 2, Needwood Leader (G David, 13-2); 3, Joe Flash (D Wonnacott, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Byrnes Grove (f), 50 Jets Fripon (4th), McCoy (5th). 6 ran. NR: Little Katrina. 25l, 25l, 20l, 6l. T Hallett at Saltash. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.80. *DF*: £2.70. CSF: £2.48.

4.45 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, DISCAIN BOY (G McCourt, 11-8 fav); 2, Celtic Flora (S Moore, 7-4); 3, Come On Gracie (J Lower, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Just Blake (4th). 4 ran. 5l, 1½l, 1½l. C Tinkler *at Malton*. *Tote*: £1.90. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.03.

Placepot: £6.00.

ATHLETICS: CRAM AND AOUITA HAVE NO FEAR OF AN UNKNOWN SURPRISING THEM IN THEIR CHOSEN EVENTS AT ROME

Two who are sure bets to be best

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Rome

One result of the grand prix circuit, and the greater awareness of athletics which has ensued, is that there are fewer surprises in major championships these days. Most of the title contenders have flown their flags prior to the big event, and if they have ultimately got blown away, well, the signs were probably there, if we had had time to see them.

Paul Kipkoech, the impressive 10,000 metres winner here, had not run on the circuit. But he was certainly reckoned with, not least by the silver medal winner, Francesco Panetta, after the Kenyan's second place in the world cross country championship and his runaway win using similar surging tactics in the All-Africa Games. It is the likes of Billy Mills, such an outsider for the Tokyo 10,000 metres Olympic gold that he might as well have been running in Okinawa in everybody else's estimation, that we shall rarely see again.

There is no latter day Billy Mills to materialize, unknown, at the shoulder of Said Aouita or Steve Cram on the last lap in the second world championships. The greatest excitement would be if they were racing each other, but that is for another place and another time. The sooner they meet the better, because until they do Cram will have that much longer to regret what he has said of Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett: "They were content for half the world to think they were best, than for the whole world to think they were second best."

Neither Cram nor Aouita is likely to come off second best here. The Briton defends his 1,500 metres title, the heats of which begin this morning. Aouita runs his Olympic gold winning distance, the 5,000 metres, but the heats of this may yet be cancelled for straight semi-finals tomorrow. Any advantage that that may confer on his opponents is the difference of between less than zero and none, in Aouita's opinion. His world record of 12 minutes 58.39 seconds is 12 seconds faster than his closest rival. His only reference to his opponents has been: "I don't know who will be second."

Jack Buckner and John Ngugi are the frontrunners. Buckner's win in Zurich two weeks ago was worth at least five seconds faster than his 13min 10.48sec and the British European champion has the strength and speed either to contend with anyone else's pace or change it himself. If only he had half the conviction of Aouita, he would be running for twice the glory — that is, gold instead of silver.

Ngugi is rated mainly on his having beaten Kipkoech in the world cross country championship race, and on a 13min 30sec run at altitude last month. Unlike Kipkoech, however, he does not have a change of pace and is likely to find himself being used as a springboard to victory by Aouita and Buckner.

Cram is rather more circumspect than Aouita, lending credit to opponents who have little chance of profiting from it. Cram virtually won the gold medal in Zurich when he demoralized José-Luis Gonzàlez by running away from the Spaniard, who had beaten him earlier in the season. Abdi Bile Abdi, of Somalia, is just behind Cram on paper, but will have to work wonders to reverse that on the track. Jens-Peter Herold, of East Germany, is another contender and Steve Crabb's attitude that "I will be disappointed if I don't win a medal" is the sort that could win the Briton exactly that prize.

Injury time is over

From David Powell, Rome

Daley Thompson, who has not lost a decathlon in nine years, attempts to win his eighth successive major championship over the next two days. As usual his keenest challengers will be the West Germans, Siggy Wentz and Jurgen Hingsen, but the mystery which has surrounded the preparations of all three makes the contest more fascinating than any in the past.

Thompson has had a groin injury and Wentz a sore Achilles tendon. Hingsen, though, wins the gold medal in the complaints department. He fractured two ribs. The main protagonists are all fit again.

Frank Dick, the British national director of coaching who advises Thompson, said here yesterday: "The injury is history. He is in a bubbling confident mood. He is the man for the job and has the ability to bounce back from almost any crisis. At the start of the season he was in world record shape. Now you can measure him only on points needed to win."

What Wentz is apparently attempting, from being unable to walk last week to running, throwing and jumping against the world's greatest ever all-rounder, is quite another.

Wentz said only a few days ago that he would have to withdraw.

A reward for ambition

The difference between Peter Elliott and Tom McKean in the 800 metres final, apart from second and last place respectively, was not simply, as Elliott suggested, his own strength, which allowed him to get through four races in four days (Pat Butcher writes). It was the conviction, born of always going for gold.

Certainly Elliott has a physical resilience which many 800 metre runners do not possess. He began his career in cross country, winning the national youths title in 1980. Unlike McKean, at the instigation of his coach, Tommy Boyle, he does not hide his talent away, only coming out for occasional international forays. Elliott has been bumped around the European circuit like a pinball for the last half dozen years: it helped him win silver.

But he was aiming for one place better. He said: "I was disappointed to get beaten by Tom in the Commonwealth Games last year because he admitted he was only going for silver (behind Cram). I was going for gold, because I always go for gold. But I got bronze, and that meant that Tom went to Stuttgart afterwards instead of me."

The virtually unknown McKean won the European silver medal behind Coe but the pressure of being co-favourite this time got to him. Cram saw him on the warm-up track before Tuesday's final and said that he had never seen anyone so frightened.

Most people, particularly Elliott, would have been undeterred by the trip which McKean chose as an excuse to himself to lose. But he was facing up to it as he left for home yesterday, and perhaps it will make him stronger for the Olympic Games next year.

Elliott, meanwhile, will finish off the season with a string of 1,500 metres races, beginning in Rieti next Tuesday and he may compete at that distance at the Olympics. "I don't care about pre-selection. I never have cared. But if winning the silver gets me pre-selected for Seoul I shall do that. But I would only run one distance there."

Whitbread outburst

Fatima Whitbread, the former world javelin record holder, refused to answer questions about the injury that had threatened her chances of competing as she departed for the world championships in Rome yesterday.

As Miss Whitbread left Heathrow Airport she said: "I am not giving any interviews. I am fed up with being harassed. I just want to go out there and have a relaxing competition."

Miss Whitbread's outburst came after she had reluctantly posed for photographs with Margaret Whitbread, her mother and coach. Asked whether her injury had healed or if she was gambling with her fitness, Miss Whitbread replied: "Don't ask stupid questions."

Cram relaxing in Rome yesterday without Aouita on his mind (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Rapid rise for Redmond

The new strength of British athletics is reflected in Derek Redmond and Jon Ridgeon: only national No. 2s at the beginning of the year, now on the verge of becoming world No. 1s (Pat Butcher writes).

Redmond's injury last year undoubtedly held him back. And the fine achievement of a European fourth place was overshadowed by *Roger Black's* victory. Yet, so inexorable has been Redmond's rise this season that taking back the British record from the injured Black was secondary to demolishing the season's leader, Butch Reynolds, and looking to be close to upsetting Innocent Egbunike in this afternoon's 400 metres final.

And that would be ironic. For Egbunike has been instrumental in the Briton's conditioning this winter. *When Redmond went to* California, the Nigerian, who is at college near Pasadena, introduced him to the secret of his strength. "It's a sandhill 350 metres *long, and* Innocent *just* races flat out as far as he can go. I got to 200 metres the first time, and collapsed," Redmond said.

Reynolds is a good touchstone. "The first time I ran against him this season, it was 300 metres before he passed me, the next time it was 360 metres."

Reynolds, who has run 44.10sec, the fastest sea level time this season, could not get anywhere near Redmond in Tuesday's semi-final, where the *Briton ran 44.50sec.*

That is 0.02sec from Thomas Schoenlebe's European record and the draw for the final favours the East German and Egbunike, in lanes two and five respectively, with Redmond in six and Reynolds in seven.

Redmond has no illusions about the opposition and no *doubts about his capacity to cope* with it. "I'm most anxious about Egbunike, the way he's been going, he's the one to beat. But I'm confident about winning a medal."

And on his showing in the high hurdles semi-finals, so can Ridgeon. He lost the world *junior title to Colin Jackson last* summer. Despite earlier injury, Jackson has also made the final. But it was Ridgeon's victory over Greg Foster, the defending *champion, on Tuesday which* makes the Briton at least favourite to win another medal.

TODAY'S EVENTS

All times BST
8.30 a.m.: men's decathlon (100 metres).
9.00 a.m.: men's 1,500 metres (first round).
9.00 a.m.: men's discus (qualifying, first pool).
9.15 a.m.: men's decathlon (long jump).
9.45 a.m.: women's 100 metres hurdles (first round)
10.30 a.m.: men's discus (qualifying, second pool).
10.45 a.m.: men's decathlon (shot).
3.30 p.m.: women's 200 metres (semi-finals)
3.30 p.m.: men's pole vault (qualifying).
4.00 p.m.: men's decathlon (high jump).
4.05 p.m.: men's 200 metres (semi-finals).
4.20 p.m.: men's 400 metres final.
4.40 p.m.: women's 400 metres hurdles final.
4.50 p.m.: men's 110 metres hurdles.
5.10 p.m.: women's 200 metres final.
5.25 p.m.: men's 200 metres final.
5.25 p.m.: women's long jump (qualifying).
5.40 p.m.: women's 1,500 metres (first round).
6.10 p.m.: men's 3,000 metres steeplechase (heats).
6.40 p.m.: men's decathlon (400 metres).
7.00 p.m.: men's 5,000 metres (heats).

RUGBY UNION

Burgess warns of drawbacks to the league system

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Hope, John Burgess said yesterday, springs eternal. In the case of the Courage clubs championship, which the Rugby Football Union unveiled yesterday as the biggest of its kind in the world, it is an immensely large expression of hope for the future of the game in England.

Its critics must give it time and the cynics may have taken note of the attendant ills such a system may entail, which Burgess, the president of the RFU, did not ignore. "It would be naive to believe that a system of league clubs will be a panacea for all our problems," he said. "Indeed the very nature of leagues could create a number of new ones, one of which I would like to highlight and ask clubs to be on guard against.

"The reality of life suggests that the Courage clubs championship will lead to the game receiving even more publicity than before, so attracting power-seeking individuals with no feeling for the spirit of the game. These people will infiltrate the clubs with the objective of taking over important positions and seeking reflected glory if their teams are successful.

"A corollary is that such individuals could try to circumvent the game's amateur regulations in search of success. This, I believe, is a real danger but apart from asking clubs to be on their guard, I would assure everyone in the game that, if the Rugby Football Union receive any proof of such happenings, the people involved, be they officials or players or both, will be dealt with under our amateur regulations."

It is a timely warning. There are 1,128 clubs involved in 106 leagues in a championship, which stretches its fingers from the acknowledged senior clubs right down to the nooks and crannies of the north and west country. Burgess emphasized, rightly, the democracy of a system which permits any club involved to find its own level and which should make England's size its strength as well; but there will be clubs, less than scrupulous, prepared to bend if not break the amateur regulations in order to enhance their position.

It may not be the senior clubs who become involved in illegal dealings; all of them have such overheads in terms of ground maintenance that the money is not readily available to offer "enticements" to players. But there will be ambitious clubs just below the top strata, with no such overheads, but with the ability to "buy in" good players through, say, enhanced expenses.

Policing the new competition will, therefore, be a major problem for the RFU. If this paints a gloomy scenario, the other side should also be etched in: the chief feeling of many of those club and area representatives at Twickenham yesterday was one of excitement tinged with apprehension. Much of the pressure for change has come from the grass roots of the game and it is the traditional senior clubs who may feel the draught first.

Peter Jackson, who, as secretary to the senior clubs' association, has been closely linked with the evolution of the new competition, said that in some ways he wished league rugby had been introduced 20 years ago but he wondered whether Coventry, his club, would survive in the first division. Other leading clubs will have the same fears, but at least there is some leeway for them to gather their resources together. This season, at any rate, there is no demotion from the national second division.

At the other end of the scale there is a club such as Crewkerne, reformed in 1976 and now part of Somerset league, first division. "League rugby has captured the imagination of the players," George Cooper, some time captain and coach to the club, told an audience of teachers last month. "We are a very small town of 6,000 people and there is now a vibrant rugby community because of the effect of the club within the town." Crewkerne has had the foresight to organize a well-disciplined colts side and, like so many other clubs, have adapted their own resources in an effort to improve rather than depend upon a "godfather" to bring instant success.

Courage, who are putting £1.6 million into the championship in the next three years, are also introducing a points-scoring incentive scheme in which any team scoring 50 points in a championship match wins a supply of beer. Additionally, there are team of the month awards and a handsome trophy for the winner of the first division; ironically it features a cockerel which, the cynics again will note, as well as being the emblem of the sponsoring company, is also that of France, the credits and debits of whose league system are not unknown on this side of the Channel.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bath, Bristol, Coventry, Gloucester, Harlequins, Leicester, Moseley, Nottingham, Orrell, Sale, Waterloo, Wasps. **Second division:** Bedford, Blackheath, Gosforth, Headingley, Liverpool/St Helens, London Scottish, London Irish, London Welsh, Northampton, Richmond, Rosslyn Park, Saracens. **Third division:** Birmingham, Exeter, Fylde, Maidstone, Metropolitan Police, Morley, Nuneaton, Plymouth Albion, Sheffield, Vale of Lune, Wakefield, West Hartlepool.
AREA LEAGUE: North division: Birkenhead Park, Broughton Park, Darby, Durham City, Lichfield, Northern, Preston Grasshoppers, Roundhay, Rugby, Solihull, Stourbridge. **South division:** Askeans, Camborne, Cheltenham, Havant, Lydney, Salisbury, Sidcup, Southend, Streatham-Croydon, Stroud, Sudbury

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS FROM ROME

Women

3,000 metres

FINAL: 1, T Samolenko (USSR), 8min 38 73sec, 2, M Puica (Rom), 8:39 45; 3, U Bruns (EG), 8:40.30; 4, C Burki (Switz), 8:40 31, 5, E Romanova (USSR), 8.41.33 (British record); 2, G Tiacoh (Iv C), 44.69; 3 D Kitur (Ken), 44.73, 4, H Reynolds (US), 44 94; 5, J Carlowitz (EG), 44.97, 6, B Cameron (Jam), 45.19; 7, M Ugbisie (Nig), 45.72; 8, D Clark (Aus), 45 93

110 metres hurdles

SEMI-FINALS *(First four in each heat qualify for final):* **Heat one:** 1, J Ridgeon (GB), 13 34sec; 2, G Foster (US), 13 41; 3, C Sala (Sp), 13.60; 4, A Bryggare (Fin), 13 62, 5, A Markin (USSR), 13.63, 6, K Platek (Pol), 13 68; 7, A Hölfer (Cz), 13 78, 8, F Schwarthoff (WG), 13 98. **Heat two:** 1, M McCoy (Can), 13.42; 2, J Pierce (US), 13.45, 3, *I Kazanov (USSR), 13.58*, 4, C Jackson (GB), 13.58; 5, S Caristan (Fr), 13.62, 6, N Walker (GB), 13.68; 7, G Bakos (Hung), 13 90; 8, J Hudec (Cz), 14.06.

Men

200 metres

SECOND ROUND *(First three in each heat and overall four fastest losers qualify for semi-finals)*: **Qualifiers for semi-finals: Heat one:** 1, F Heard (US), 20.56sec; 2, V Krylov (USSR), 20.79; 3, I Nagy (Hung), 21.11. **Heat two:** 1, C Smith (US), 20 38, 2, A Mahorn (Can), 20.64, 3, S Kipkemboi (Ken), 20.88, 4, S Tilli (It) 20 89 **Heat three:** 1, G Queneherve (Fr), 20 48, 2, W *Spearmon (US), 20 55; 3, J Regis (GB),* 20.60; 4, A Berger (Austria) 20.86; 5, A Fyodorov (USSR), 20.87. **Heat four:** 1, R Da Silva (Br), 20.48, 2, A Kovacs (Hung), 20 61, 3, P Pavoni (It), 20.65, 4, C Wright (Jam), 20.67.

400 metres

SEMI-FINALS *(First four in each heat qualify for final).* **Heat one:** 1, I Egbunike (Nig), 44 26sec; 2, T Schönlebe (EG), 44.60; 3, R Hernandez (Sp), 44.83; 4, R Haley (US), 45.21; 5, M Arnold (Switz), *45.26, 6, A Skerritt (Can), 45.62; 7, M* Schersing (EG), 45.67; 8, A Kurochkin (USSR), 45 73; 9, D Morris (Jam), 45.76. **Heat two:** 1, D Redmond (GB), 44.50

6, E van Hulst (Neth), 8 42.57, 7, Y Murray (GB), 8 43.94, 8, W Sly (GB), 8:45 85; 9, L Williams (Can), 8:49.91; 10, M Knisely (US), 8:50.99; 11, V Michallek (WG), 8.55 16; 12, C Benning (GB), 8:57.92, 13, D Bowker (Can), 8·58 63; 14, M Pierre Duros (Fr), 9·14.61; O Bondarenko (USSR) did not start.

10 kilometres walk

1, I Strakhova (USSR), 44min 12sec; 2, K Saxby (Aus), 44:23; 3, Yan Hong (China), 44·42; 4, M Cruz Diaz (Sp), 44:48; 5, Y Nikolayeva (USSR), 44:54; 6, M Gunnarsson (Swe), 45·09, 7, Jin Bingjie (China), 45:24; 8, A Peel (Can), 45:27; 9, R Sobrino (Sp), 45 37; 10, D Vavracova (Cz), 46:10; 11, A Jansson (Swe), 46.15; 12, S Cook (Aus), 46:20; 13, L Langford (GB), 46:23. *Other British placing: 25, B Allen 48 50*

Heptathlon

JAVELIN: Group one: 1, L Nikitina (USSR), 55.24m (962pts); 2, J Joyner-Kersee (US), 45.68 (777); 3, Zhu Yuqing (China), 43.40 (733); 4, T Hidding (Neth), 40 14 (670); 5, E Karblom (Swe), 39.06 (649); 6, R Kytola (Fin), 38.96 (647); 7, M Reichelt (EG), 38.64 (641); 8, J Flemming (Aus), 38.24 (634); 9, K Hagger (GB), 35.64 (584); 10, I Meilicker-Escauriza (Para), 34 70 (566); 11, N Debois (Fr), 34.70 (566). *Group two: 1, J Frederick (US), 46.62* (795); 2, L Nastase (Rom), 41.84 (703); 3, C Heinrich (WG), 41.06 (688); 4, S Braun (WG), 37 74 (624); 5, C Greiner (US), 36.84 (607), 6, J Mulliner (GB), 35.72 (604); 7, A Behmer (EG), 35.82 (587); 8, C Polman-Tuin (Can), 35.80 (587); 9, M *Maslennikova (USSR), 35.42* (580); 10, S Buraga (USSR), 33.76 (548).
800 METRES: Heat one: 1, Mulliner, 2min 13.83sec (909) pts; 2, Kytola, 2:14.03 (906); 3, Polman-Tuin, 2.19.77 (827); 4, Braun, 2:20.94 (811). **Heat two:** 1, Debois, *2:05 17 (1,036); 2, Maslennikova, 2:08.12* (992); 3, Greiner, 2:13.99 (907); 4, Buraga, 2:15.58 (885); 5, Hidding, 2:16.10 (877); 6, Hagger, 2:17 59 (857); 7, Heinrich, 2:29.90 (694). **Heat three:** 1, Behmer, 2:09.03 (979); 2, Reichelt, 2:12.76 (925), 3, Frederick, 2:13.77 (910); 4, Joyner-*Kersee, 2·16.29 (875); 5, Nastase, 2:17.91* (852); 6, Flemming, 2:20.58 (816); 7, Nikitina, 2:27.01 (731); 8, Zhu Yuqing, 2:27.45 (725).
FINAL POSITIONS: 1, Joyner-Kersee, 7,128 pts; 2, Nikitina, 6,564; 3, Frederick, 6,502; 4, Behmer, 6,460; 5, Nastase, 6,325; 6, *Reichelt, 6,296; 7, Maslenikova,* 6,228; 8, Zhu Yuqing, 6,211; 9, Hagger, 6,167; 10, Flemming, 6,.149; 11, Debois, 6,139; 12, Greiner, 6,042; 13, Hidding, 6,040; 14, Buraga, 5,982; 15, Mulliner, 5,842; 16, Kytola, 5,791; 17, Heinrich, 5,864; 18, Braun, 5,621; 19, Polman-Tuin, 5,608.

MEDALS

	G	S	B	Total
USSR	4	5	2	11
E Germany	3	4	5	12
US	2	3	2	7
Bulgaria	2	0	1	3
Kenya	2	0	0	2
Italy	1	2	0	3
Canada	1	0	0	1
Finland	1	0	0	1
Portugal	1	0	0	1
Switzerland	1	0	0	1
Czech	0	1	1	2
Australia	0	1	0	1
Gt Britain	0	1	0	1
Romania	0	1	0	1
Jamaica	0	0	2	2
Brazil	0	0	1	1
China	0	0	1	1
France	0	0	1	1
Spain	0	0	1	1
W Germany	0	0	1	1

KEY

Aus: Australia, Austria; Br: Brazil; Can: Canada; China; Cz: Czechoslovakia; EG: East Germany; Fin: Finland; Fr: France, GB: Great Britain; Hung: Hungary; It: Italy; Iv C: Ivory Coast; Jam: Jamaica; Ken: Kenya; Neth: Netherlands; Nig: Nigeria; Para: Paraguay; Pol: Poland; Rom: Romania; Sp: Spain; Swe: Sweden; Switz: Switzerland; US: United States; USSR: Soviet Union; WG: West Germany.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Borough's moment of truth

By Keith Macklin

Never in the history of Rugby League has a new club received a more frosty welcome than Springfield Borough, who start their second division home life tomorrow nightat the Springfield Park ground of Wigan Athletic.

Borough won their first away match at Huddersfield on Sunday, but the big test and the answer to many nagging questions comes against Barrow tomorrow.

Mighty Wigan at nearby Central Park have made no secret of the fact that they regard Borough as cuckoos in the nest, squatters in Wigan territory intent on eating away at Central Park's support.

Maurice Lindsay, the Wigan chairman, made it clear from the outset that the new club, born from the ashes of the late Blackpool Borough side, would get no red carpet and no help from the champions. When Springfield Borough applied to join the league Wigan opposed the move and Borough were admitted on a 22-11 vote.

However, Lindsay and Wigan directors won the next battle, with the backing of the Rugby League. Borough, having made the transfer from Blackpool to Springfield Park, fancied the name Wigan Springfield but that was knocked on the head officially after complaints from Central Park. Lindsay believes that Borough merely moved to the town to try to skim some of the cream from Wigan's support.

The Borough chairman, Mike Marsland, a Lancashire businessman, says: "We hope the bitterness is over now and we can get on with playing. If we had not moved to Wigan the Borough club would have gone out of existence. We had no choice but to go to Wigan, since no other club came up with an offer. It is up to the Wigan public to decide if they want to watch us, and there is no way we can take away support from Central Park. If we get 2,500 that will be enough to make us viable."

Fiji to ban rebels

Suva (Reuter) — The Fijian Government yesterday condemned any participation in a rebel tour of South Africa and administrators called on players to abandon the venture.

"We will be lenient with them but if they play one match then they are committed," George Pickering, the Fiji Rugby Union acting chairman, said. The union has threatened life bans against the 13 past and present national side members who have joined the 30-strong South Pacific Barbarians side for the six-week tour.

The Fiji Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the Government "greatly regretted" Fijian participation, which went against Commonwealth codes on contacts with the Republic.

Pickering said Dr Danie Craven, the South African Rugby Board chairman, had told Fijian administrators the tour was organized by Arthur Jennings, the former New Zealand All Black, who was born in Fiji. Craven thought the tour had been approved by the Fiji Rugby Union, Pickering said.

Jennings, who was banned from touring South Africa with the All Blacks in 1967 because he is a Maori, said the tour was a dream come true.

Slattery set for return

By George Ace

Fergus Slattery, the Peter Pan of Irish Rugby, returns to familiar territory tomorrow evening when he lines up for the Irish Wolfhounds against Ballymena at Eaton Park.

Slattery won 61 caps in a magnificent career and is the world's most capped flanker, with 65 Ireland and British Isles appearances. Although he was born in 1950, he still maintains a level of fitness that puts many a young player to shame.

Joining Slattery in a star-studded Wolfhound side are Hugo MacNeill, David Trick, David Irwin, Les Cusworth, John O'Driscoll and a young man whose form will be closely monitored, Alain Rolland, the Blackrock scrum half.

Meanwhile, Willoughby Wilson, the president of the Ulster branch of the IRFU, has recently returned from Zimbabwe, where Ulster played five games, winning four of them. He was full of praise for the hospitality received on the tour and for the conduct of the Ulster players, on and off the field.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

DONCASTER: Armthorpe road race (10km): 1, M Chorlton (Stainforth), 29min 34sec (Course record); 2, A Jones (RAF, Swinbury), 30.19; 3, C Maddock (Sheffield), 31.05. **Veteran:** J Cook (Stainforth), 32.31. **Teams:** 1, Stainforth, 14pts **Women:** 1, M Watson (Stainforth), 37.26.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Seattle Mariners 5, Baltimore Orioles 0; Texas Rangers 6, Chicago White Sox 4; Oakland Athletics 8, New York Yankees 3, Toronto Blue Jays 4, California Angels 3; Milwaukee Brewers 2, Kansas City Royals 0; Boston Red Sox 9, Minnesota Twins 0; Detroit Tigers 6, Cleveland Indians 5. **National League:** Atlanta Braves 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 0; Chicago Cubs 3, Houston Astros 2; Cincinnati Reds 7, St Louis Cardinals 4; New York Mets 9, San *Diego Padres 1; Philadelphia Phillies 7, Los* Angeles Dodgers 5; San Francisco Giants 14, Montreal Expos 4.

BOARDSAILING

KINGSTON, Ontario: Second division world championship (positions after five races): Lightweights: 1, H Plegein (Fr); 2, H Nissen-Lie (Nor); 3, M Quinton (Fr). **British:** 38, W Banham; 39, S Goody; 45, S Keeler. **Heavyweights:** 1, G Kendler (Austria); 2, L Pedrini (It); 3, C Neyer (WG); 4, S Blake (GB). **Women:** 1, J Horgen (Nor); 2, E Egnell (Swe); 3, V Capart (Fr); 4, P Way (GB).

CROQUET

PARKSTONE, Dorset: Bishop Cup handicap singles: *First round:* R Bailey (0.5) bt T Wood (0), +4; L Latham (0) bt Mrs W Wiggins (-0.5), +10; R Carder (3.5) bt Rev S Scarr (5), +13; G Budd (13) bt Mrs M Romsey (12); +9 (T); D Moorcroft (1) bt J Mays (8), +18, D Wood (14) bt Air Cdr J Greswell (4), +26; Dr C Parker (2.5) bt Dr M Murrey (-2), +12; Miss J Wraith (15) bt D Shaw (3), +4(T); F Shergold (1.5) bt Dr A Bray (8), +10, Mrs K Yeoman (5) bt Mrs C Parker (11), +8 (T); D Charsley-Thomas (3) bt W Scarr (7), +11; Mrs B Saunders (7) bt Mrs L Latham (5.5), +8 (T); J Colls (6) bt Miss P Parker (4), +13; P Thompson (4) bt L Butler (1 5), +10; J Eden (3.5) bt Dr W Wiggins (0), +19; C Moon (8) bt G Weldon (7), +5 (T). ***Second Round:*** Bailey bt Latham, +12; Carder bt Budd, +9, Moorcroft bt Wood, +15; Parker bt Wraith, +15; Shergold bt Yeoman, +17, Charsley-Thomas bt Saunders, +5 (T); Thompson bt Colls, +9; Moon bt Eden, +9.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall 1, Watford 0.
MACBAR SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bristol City 0, Plymouth 5, Cardiff City 2, Newport 1.
BANGKOK: Olympic qualifying tournament: Asian zone, Group 2: Final, first leg: Thailand 0, Japan 0.
CALAMA, Chile: *Libertadores* Cup: Qualifying match: Cobreloa (Chile) 3, Barcelona (Ec) 0.

GOLF

***WEST ESSEX GC: PGA South East* championship: First round leaders:** 69: R Green (Hadley Wood); J Hoskison (West Surrey); J Pinsent (West Hove). 69: M Davis (Thorndon Park); B Lewis (Pipshanger). 70: R Joyce (unattached). D Pugh (Wanstead), W Stephens (unattached), J Holland (Bromley Public), P Harrison (unattached). A Scullion (Royal Ascot).
LLANDRINDOD WELLS, Wales: British Airways team championship: Regional round: 1, Llandrindod Wells, 271pts; 2, Newport, 273; 3, Llandudno Ladies, 274.

MOTOR CYCLING

ISLE OF MAN: Manx grand prix (lap distance 37¾ miles): Juniors (6 laps): 1, C Ryding (Longton), Kimoco 350, 2:09.53 (104.57); 2, S Hazlett (Ballymena), Yamaha 350, 2:10.10 (104.34); 3, M Linton (Cranleigh), Yamaha 350, 2:11.42 (103.12); 4, M Robinson (Eastbourne), Yamaha 320, 2:12.37 (102.41); 5, *D Kelly* (Colby), Yamaha 350, 2:13.06 (102.04); 6, T Marlan (Norwich), Yamaha 350, 2:13.26 (101.79). **Qualifying races: Lightweights (4 laps):** 1, C Ryding (Longton), Kimoco 250cc, 22min 03.06sec (102.62mph); 2, J Davies (Burton-on-Trent), Padgett Special 250, 22:37.00; 3, D Moffitt (Manchester), Yamaha 250, 22:37.20; 4, M Linton (Cranleigh), Yamaha 250, 22:38.60; S Collister (Douglas), Honda 250, same time; 6, B Craine (Ramsey), Yamaha 250, 22:44.20. **Seniors (six laps):** 1, B Raynor (Grantham), Yamaha 1,000, 21:11.20 (106.85mph); 2, P Beale (Milton Keynes), Yamaha 1,000, 21:17.60; 3, P Hunt (Braddan), Kawasaki 750, 21:18.20; 4, *S Dowey* (Marske), Honda 750, 21:31.60; 5, J Toner (Falkirk), Suzuki 750, 21.44.40; 6, A Woodall (Worcester), Suzuki 750, 21:48.20

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Midlands: Old Warwickians 12, Old Leamingtonians 15; Kettering 13, Bedford Wanderers 26; Tamworth 18, Nuneaton Old Edwardians 7.

TENNIS

PRUDENTIAL JUNIOR COUNTY CUP: Tuesday's results: BOYS: Group 1: (Queen's Club): Essex 5, Devon 4; Surrey 6, Lancashire 3. **Group 2** (Carisbrook, Leics): Middlesex 7, Hampshire and IoW 2; Yorkshire 8, Hertfordshire 1. **Group 4** (West Warwicks, Solihull): Nottinghamshire 5, Avon 4; Norfolk 6, Cheshire 3. **Group 5** (Craiglockhart): Leicestershire 5, *East of Scotland 4; Dorset 6,* Staffordshire 3. **Group 6** (Shrewsbury): North Wales 6, Lincolnshire 3; Warwickshire 7, Durham and Cleveland 2. **Group 8:** (Maidenhead): Shropshire 7, Cornwall 2, Oxfordshire 7, Suffolk 2. **Group 9** (Stourbridge): Derbyshire 6, Bedfordshire 3; North of *Scotland 7, Somerset 2.* **Group 10** *(Tring):* Hereford and Worcester 8, South of Scotland 1; Northamptonshire 8, Wiltshire 1. **Group 11** (Banbury West End): Cumbria 7, Isle of Man 2; Northumberland 5, Channel Islands 4.
GIRLS: Group 3 (Chesham Bois): Cambridgeshire 7, Nottinghamshire 2; Hampshire and IoW 5, Berkshire 4. **Group 4:** (East Gloucester Club, Cheltenham): Kent 7, Norfolk 2; Lancashire 5, Sussex 4. **Group 5** (Solihull Arden): Buckinghamshire 7, Lincolnshire 2; Hertfordshire 5, Cheshire 4. **Group 6** (Exeter Golf and Country Club): Hereford and Worcester 8, Oxfordshire 1; Dorset 5, North Wales 4. **Group 7** (Cardiff LTC): South Wales 8, Derbyshire 1; *Staffordshire 6, East of Scotland 3.* **Group 8:** (Helensburgh): Northumberland 5, Gloucestershire 4; North of Scotland 8, Cornwall 1. **Group 9** (Wolverhampton LTC): Suffolk 6, Somerset 3; Wiltshire 5, West of Scotland 4. **Group 10** (Lytham St Anne's): South of Scotland 5, Durham and Cleveland 4; Northamptonshire 7, Bedfordshire 2.
Yesterday: BOYS: Group 5: (Craiglockhart, Edinburgh) Dorset 6, East of Scotland 3; Leicestershire 5, Staffordshire 4. **Promoted:** Dorset. **Relegated:** Staffordshire. **Group 6:** Warwickshire 5, North Wales 4; Durham and Cleveland 7, Lincolnshire 2. **Promoted:** Warwickshire. **Relegated:** Lincolnshire. **Group 7:** West of Scotland 7, Gloucestershire 2; Berkshire 5, Cambridge 4. **Promoted:** Berkshire. **Relegated:** Gloucestershire. **Group 8:** Oxfordshire 8, Cornwall 1; Shropshire 8, Suffolk 1. **Promoted:** Shropshire. **Relegated:** Cornwall. **Group 9:** *Somerset 6*, Derbyshire 3; North of Scotland 6, Bedfordshire 3. **Promoted:** North of Scotland. **Relegated:** Bedfordshire. **Group 11:** Channel Islands 5, Cumbria 4, Northumberland 8, Isle of Man 1. **Promoted:** Northumberland. **Relegated:** Isle of Man.
GIRLS: Group 4: Lancashire 7, Kent 2; Sussex 8, Norfolk 1. **Promoted:** Lancashire. **Relegated:** Norfolk. **Group 5:** Hertfordshire 7, Lincolnshire 2; Cheshire 6, Buckinghamshire *2 (one unfinished). Promoted:* Hertfordshire. **Relegated:** Lincolnshire. **Group 7:** Staffordshire 9, Derbyshire 0; South Wales 5, East of Scotland 4. **Promoted:** Staffordshire. **Relegated:** East of Scotland. **Group 8:** Gloucestershire 7, North of Scotland 2; Northumberland 8, Cornwall 1. **Promoted:** Northumberland. **Relegated:** Cornwall. *Group 9:* Wiltshire 9, *Somerset 0; West of Scotland 8, Suffolk 1.* **Promoted:** Wiltshire. **Relegated:** Somerset. **Group 11:** Cumbria 6, Shropshire 3; Channel Islands 9, Isle of Man 0. **Promoted:** Cumbria. **Relegated:** Isle of Man.

VOLLEYBALL

SEOUL: Junior women's world championships: Group A: Brazil 3, Soviet Union 2; Taiwan 3, France 0; South Korea 3, Canada 0. **Group B:** Peru 3, Greece 0; Japan 3, Puerto Rico 0, Bulgaria 3, Argentina 0.

YACHTING

CROSSHAVEN: World quarter-ton cup: Race five: 1, Drakkar Noir (O'Leary, Love and Kennefick, Ire); 2, Phoenix-2 (L Bankson, GB); 3, Madchen (H Dietrich, WG; 4, Para Kalso (P McKenna, Ire); 5, Mad Gamble (T Helliwell, Ire); 6, Senator Incitatus (J McIlwrigh, GB). **Overall:** 1, McDonalds (F Larsen, Den), 125.25pts; 2, Innovation Quest (J Burke, Ire), 120.38; 3, MNEF (J C Ramon, Fr), 114.5; 4, Phoenix-2, 105; 5, Madchen, 104.5; 6, Drakkar Noir, 101.75
WEYMOUTH: Olympic week: Third races: 470 class: 1, D Torten (Isr); 2, A Stead (GB); 3, J Robinson (GB). **Flying Dutchman:** 1, W Henderson (GB); 2, D Wilkins (Ire); 3, C Apthorp (GB). **Finn:** 1, W Loxenfeld (WG); 2, R Bridge (GB), 3, S Childerley (GB).
BURNHAM: Brent Walker Burnham Week: Class 1: Backlash (T S and C E Herring); **Class 2:** Erotic Bear (L G Baker); **Class 3:** Jiminy Cricket (M Harrison); **Class 4, Div 1** (Channel Handicap): *Krystal of Mersea* (J G Gozzett). **Div 2:** Magic (R Lewis). **Class 5:** ET (E T Allen). **Class 6:** Merlisa (S Adams). **Class 7:** Easy Option (D N Chamberlain). **Class 8:** NAB 3 (G Blake-Milton). **Class 9:** Thunder (G R Winder). **Contessa:** Accelerando (R F Chadney). **Dragon:** Chinook (M J Holmes and T Allen). **Scoutter:** Patricia (B Burnett). **Robber:** *7-Leaf (M L Corrie).* **Squib:** MKB (R J King and J W White). **RCOD:** Corsair (A Munro). **RBOD:** Phalarope (Dr T Trodd). **Stella:** Rangitira (P S Overend). **Sandhopper:** Sandy (A Saywell and P Harris).

Leading light

Viv Richards is included in a Rest of the World XI against an England XI in the first floodlit cricket match to be staged at Blackpool Football Club's Bloomfield Road ground next Tuesday.

ORIENTEERING

Every Briton progresses to the finals

All eight British competitors made their way into today's individual finals at the world championships when they competed in yesterday's qualifying races at La Bresse in the Vosges mountains (a Special Correspondent writes).

Most competitors tried to strike a balance between qualification and holding something in reserve for the final. Colin McIntyre almost paid the price for over-caution when, after an early start, lesser runners made use of improved conditions to overtake him. McIntyre finished 24th: only the first 25 places count.

Martin Bagness was best placed of the British men, finishing less than two minutes behind Oyvin Thon, of Norway, the champion on two occasions, with a time of 62min 21sec for 8.8 kilometres (5.5 miles).

Jean Ramsden continued her good form, finishing sixth behind another Norwegian, Brit Volden, who was timed at 54min 18sec for the 5.9-kilometre course.

RESULTS: Men: Group A: 1, O Thon (Nor), 60min 33sec. **British positions:** 4, M Bagness, 62:21; 8, S Hale, 64:10. **Group B:** 1, K Olsson (Swe), 56:44. **British positions:** 9, R Bloor, 62:15; 24, C McIntyre, 69:40. **Women: Group A:** 1, B Volden (Nor), 54:16. **British positions:** 8, J Ramsden, 58:08; 15, R Clayton, 64:05. **Group B:** 1, R Bratberg (Nor), 49:25. **British positions:** 8, Y Rague, 58:40; 19 H Dean, 63:49.

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TENNIS: CASTLE HAS BEST WIN OF HIS CAREER AS BRITONS HAVE GOOD DAY AT US OPEN

Becker ready for Peter Pan

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
New York

Jimmy Connors, seeded to play Boris Becker in a quarter-final of the United States championships, has qualified to swap shots with people of his own age on the over-35 circuit. Plenty of aspiring young professionals wish Connors would instantly exercise the option instead of acting like a reincarnation of Peter Pan.

Connors was practising in the main stadium yesterday morning, his 35th birthday, when a group of early spectators gave voice to the appropriate chorus. Connors appreciated the thought more than he appreciated its cause. Meantime Becker, aged 19, was musing on the fact that, as he put it, "I have to work a lot harder now that people know *my game*."

The first day ended with a match in which Becker, still haunted by the spectre of Peter Doohan and Wimbledon, took four hours and three minutes to beat Tim Wilkison, 4-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2. Wilkison is the rumbustious, uninhibited, all-action player who beat Yannick Noah here last year and had a memorable five-set match with Tim Mayotte at Wimbledon two months ago. He wears a baseball cap and throws himself about as if sliding desperately into home plate.

In short, Wilkison has fun. He had more fun than Becker, who had problems with his service — and almost everything else — until he was two sets down. By that time a little of the bouncing vitality had drained out of Wilkison, whereas Becker, who no longer had much to lose, began to hit through the ball more freely and gradually took charge.

Wilkison had been the better player for two sets but Becker was the better player for three. By the end of the match Becker was so much in command that one wondered why there had been so much fuss in the first place.

The first day was a good one for Britain because Andrew Castle and Annabel Croft won matches the rankings suggested they should lose and Sara Gomer romped through an easier task, against Wiltrud Probst, a West German teenager. Castle, ranked 180th, won 7-5, 1-6, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4, against David Pate, ranked nineteenth, and Miss Croft, ranked 113th, beat Angeliki Kanellopoulou (Greek, of course), ranked seventieth, by 7-5, 7-5.

Castle's win was the most remarkable, not least because he demonstrated that, having flirted with defeat, he could come through a five-set match lasting three hours. Pate is a quick-footed specialist in service and volley and will be remembered for playing some impressive tennis at Wembley. This was probably the best winning performance of Caslte's career and indicated an encouraging advance

Bjorn Borg, who used to dominate the Wimbledon and French championships but could never win here, has popped into the news again. Next Wednesday he is to visit the White House with the Swedish Prime Minister, who has appointed Borg to promote tourism. Borg is still surprising us. He was an extraordinary player, but introspective. One never expected *him to emerge* as a promoter of tourism or, for that matter, anything else. But it is amazing what some people can achieve with a nudge, a wink, a twitch of the kissing muscles and, most of all, a reputation.

RESULTS FROM FLUSHING MEADOW

Men's singles: First round (US unless stated): I Lendl (Cz) bt B Moir (SA), 6-0, 6-0, 6-0; J-P Fleurian (Fr) bt S Colombo (It), 6-0, 7-5, 6-1; J Pugh bt F Yunis (Arg), 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; G Muller (SA) bt R Osterthun (WG), 7-5, 6-3, 6-2; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 6-3, 6-0, 6-4; T Benhabiles (Fr) bt A Parker, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; A Jarryd (Swe) bt R Acuna (Chile), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; J McEnroe bt M Anger, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; B Gilbert (Fr) bt P Doohan (Aus), 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; N Odizor (Nigeria) bt T Nelson, 2-6, 2-6, 7-6, 7-5, 6-3; P Fleming bt J Arias, 7-6, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6; B Dyke (Aus) bt M Purcell, 6-4, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; M Freeman bt D Visser (SA), 7-6, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; J Berger bt J Gurfein, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; M Chang bt P McNamee (Aus), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; A Mansdorf (Isr) bt C Pistolesi (It), 6-4, 6-2, 6-3; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt M Pernfors (Swe), 6-3, 3-0, ret; T Muster (Austria) bt J Lozano (Mex), 7-6, 6-2, 6-4; G Forget (Fr) bt R Seguso, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2; J Brown bt T Tulasne (Fr), 6-2, 6-4, 6-1; R Reneberg bt A Antonitsch (Austria), 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; E Sanchez (Sp) bt W Masur (Aus), 1-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-3; J Bragg bt S Cannon, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; W Hearn bt U Stenlund (Swe), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2, 6-4; G Pozzi (It) bt A Sznajder (Can), 6-3, 6-1, 6-2; R Smith (Bah) bt M Vajda (Cz), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4; A Castle (GB) bt D Pate, 7-5, 1-6, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4; T Witsken bt D Wheaton, 7-5, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; R Agenor (Haiti) bt A Burrow (SA), 6-3, 6-7, 6-3, 6-2; J Canter bt G Holmes, 7-5, 6-4, 6-0; B Becker (WG) bt T Wilkison, 4-6, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-2; H Leconte (Fr) bt A Agassi, 6-4, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

Women's singles: First round: H Mandlikova (Cz) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-1, 6-3; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt A Frazier (US), 6-2, 6-2; A Henricksson (US) bt J Wiesner (Austria), 7-6, 6-2; P Casale (US) bt I Budarova (Cz), 7-5, 6-2; P Louie-Harper (US) bt D Spence (US), 6-4, 6-1; M Navratilova (US) bt K Gompert (US), 6-1, 6-1; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt A Molton (US), 6-2, 7-5; A Croft (GB) bt A Kanellopoulou (Greece), 7-5, 7-5; P Hy (HK) bt R Reis (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; I Cueto (WG) bt G Magers, 1-6, 7-5, 7-5; A Kijimuta (Japan) bt B Potter, 7-5, 6-3; A Devries (Bel) bt M Van Nostrand, 6-3, 6-2; L Bonder bt Jr Santrock, 6-4, 7-5; S Goles (Yug) bt B Schultz (Neth), 7-6, 6-3; J Halard (Fr) bt E Inoue (Japan), 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; N Arendt bt E Derly (Fr), 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; S Cecchini (It) bt A White, 6-4, 6-2; Z Garrison bt T Scheuer-Larsen (Den), 6-1, 6-3; L Savchenko (USSR) bt K Horvath, 6-3, 6-4; M J Fernandez bt R Marsikova (Cz), 6-3, 6-0; F Bonsignori (It) bt E Krapl (Switz), 6-2, 6-4; T Phelps bt S Stafford, 6-2, 6-3; E Hakami bt H Cioffi, 6-1, 6-1; S Gomer (GB) bt W Probst (WG), 6-3, 6-0; R White bt T Mochizuki, 7-5, 7-5; H Kelesi (Can) bt N Bykova (USSR), 7-6, 7-5; P Fendick bt L Field (Aus), 6-3, 2-6, 6-0; R Reggi (It) bt A Grossman, 6-4, 6-0; N Provis (Aus) bt C Porwik (WG), 4-6, 7-5, 6-1; K Keil bt B Herr, 6-3, 6-1; E Reinach (SA) bt Hu Na, 6-1, 6-0; H Sukova (Cz) bt M Gurney, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4

HORSE TRIALS

Green will take lead for Britain

From Jenny MacArthur
Luhmühlen, West Germany

Lucinda Green and Shannagh, who crept into this week's European three-day event championships here only last week after the withdrawal of Richard Walker's Accumulator, will go first for the British team which is defending the title it won by an almost embarrassing margin at the last European championships held at Burghley two years ago.

Eleven teams are contesting the four-day championships which begin today with two days of dressage. The West Germans pose the greatest threat to Britain. Their team includes *Claus Erhorn with* Justyn Thyme, the horse which finished fifth at last year's world championships when ridden by Anne-Marie Taylor, of Britain.

Rachel Hunt, at 22 the youngest of the four team members but a seasoned junior and young rider international competitor, will go second in the team on Aloaf. Virginia Leng, the *defending European champion* on Night Cap, goes third and Ian Stark, with last year's Badminton winner Sir Wattie, is the last team member. The team is drawn seventh. Mark Phillips with Cartier and Jane Thelwall with King's Jester compete as individuals.

Although Mrs Leng will be riding for team as opposed to individual honours here, if she maintains her recent form with Night Cap — winner of last year's Polish championships — it is difficult to imagine her being beaten. Erhorn is a threat — so too is Stark who has the advantage of going last in the team. This means that, providing the other three have got round safely on Saturday's cross-country, Stark can "go for it" as opposed to riding "carefully" — which he hates doing anyway — just to keep the team in.

No team could have a more enviable pathfinder than Mrs Green, who won the world title here in 1982 and finished third here last year on Shannagh.

During the last year Shannagh has won *the Boekelo three-day* event in The Netherlands and was fourth in Stockholm in June. What the 12-year-old gelding lacks in speed is more than compensated by his rider's experience. Mrs Green went first for the team in 1985.

BRITISH TEAM: *Shannagh* (L Green); *Aloaf* (R Hunt); *Night Cap* (V Leng); *Sir Wattie* (I Stark).

Shockemöhle retires

Paul Shockemöhle, West Germany's triple European showjumping champion, announced his retirement from the sport yesterday following the breakdown of his top horse Deister at last week's European Championships in Switzerland (Jenny MacArthur writes). The 16-year-old Hanoverian gelding, on which Shockemöhle was trying for his fourth successive title, strained a tendon in the off-fore during the third round of the championships.

FOOTBALL: GOALS ARE NO GUARANTEE OF PERMANENCE AT TOTTENHAM

Claesen doubts remain

By Ian Stafford

Nico Claesen's future with Tottenham Hotspur is still uncertain despite his two goals at White Hart Lane against Oxford United on Tuesday night. His performance suggested that he and Clive Allen, who scored Tottenham's other goal, could develop a lethal partnership, but the stocky Belgian international is adamant that, unless he can command a regular first-team place, he will leave.

"Although I scored twice the situation has not changed," Claesen, who asked for a transfer a fortnight ago, said. "I need to have a regular place in the team to show that I am good enough to play in the Football League. I have now played two games, but I will need to have four or five in a row. If I do not *get this chance then I would like* to go to another club if they showed interest in me."

What particularly concerns Claesen is the possibility of losing his international place, a pertinent worry with Belgium playing next week. "I am 24 and *I did not leave Belgium to sit on* the substitute's bench. I will not stay in the Belgium team like this."

His manager, David Pleat, was delighted with Claesen's finishing but could not offer any guarantees. "Claesen and Allen worked well *but, with two up* front, we looked frail in defence," he said.

"What works one week does not necessarily mean it will work the next. It depends entirely on how the opponents play. It is important that the team is effective and *we still have not* found the right balance. I want Claesen to stay but I am not interested in doing any favours to one particular player."

Claesen, who cost Tottenham £600,000 from Standard Liège last October, is aware his place in Saturday's team at Everton is by no means certain. "I scored twice against Leicester last year and was then immediately dropped. One day you are king, the next day you are nothing. If the manager drops me this time I will be very unhappy."

Claesen believes that he is the scapegoat if things are not going well. That led to his outburst last April when he threatened to ask for a transfer if left out of the FA Cup final team. In the event, he came on as substitute.

Claesen: concerned about losing his international place

Top-class squad for Belfast

Mirandinha, of Brazil, has won instant recognition of his crowd-drawing potential with his inclusion in the Football League squad for next week's representative game against *the Irish* League in Belfast.

Little more than 12 hours after his Football League debut for Newcastle, the South American forward was top of the list Ken Brown, the Norwich manager, has requested for the Windsor Park game next Tuesday.

Despite four of the home countries having international commitments, Brown has managed to compile an exciting 16-man squad.

Ardiles' Dutch Tottenham team colleague, Johnny Metgod, Liverpool's Zimbabwean goalkeeper, Bruce Grobbelaar, and his Anfield colleague the Australian national, Craig Johnston, help give Brown's selection a far more cosmopolitan flavour than Bobby Robson managed for last month's game against the Rest of the World.

John McClelland, the Northern Ireland captain, and the prodigal Norman Whiteside give local appeal, while Brown has exploited Republic of Ireland manager, Jack Charlton's snub of Arsenal's David O'Leary by taking him to Belfast.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE SQUAD: B Grobbelaar (Liverpool), S Ogrizovic (Coventry), M Sterland (Sheffield Wednesday), S Bruce (Norwich), D O'Leary (Arsenal), J McClelland (Watford), N Winterburn (Arsenal), W Fereday (QPR), C Johnston (Liverpool), O Ardiles (Tottenham), J Metgod (Tottenham), N Whiteside (Manchester Utd), G Power (Everton), K Dixon (Chelsea), K Drinkell (Norwich), Mirandinha (Newcastle).

RESULTS FROM TUESDAY NIGHT

BARCLAYS LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION: Norwich City 1, Newcastle United 1; Tottenham Hotspur 3, Oxford United 0; Wimbledon 4, Charlton Athletic 1.
SECOND DIVISION: Blackburn Rovers 1, Ipswich Town 0; Crystal Palace 3, Middlesbrough 1; Millwall 3, Birmingham City 1, Shrewsbury Town 0, Reading 1.
THIRD DIVISION: Fulham 0, Notts County 0; Southend United 1, Preston North End 2.
FOURTH DIVISION: Cambridge United 0, Cardiff City 0: Leyton Orient 4, Burnley 1.
SKOL CUP: Quarter-finals: Aberdeen 1, Celtic 0; Motherwell 1, Hibernian 0.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Grimsby 2, Everton 1; Leeds 2, Hull 0; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Bradford 1; Sunderland 0, Manchester City 3. Second division: Oldham 4, Middlesbrough 0; Wigan 0, Mansfield 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers 0, Arsenal 3; Portsmouth 5, West Ham 2; Swindon 0, Southampton 6.
FA CUP: Preliminary round, replays: Hailsham 2, Beckenham 4; GKN Sankey 2, Leek 3; Tilbury 0, Great Yarmouth 2; Berkhamstead 2, Wooton Blue Cross 0; Hemel Hempstead 1, Soham 0; Wivenhoe 4, *Erith and Belvedere 2 (aet)*; Rushall 3, Baker Perkins 0; Haringey Borough 2, Uxbridge 3; Arlesey 1, Chalfont St Peter 0; Dorking 2, Heybridge Swifts 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 2, Three Bridges 1; Sittingbourne 2, Rainham 3; Ware 1, Staines 1 (aet).
VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 1, Yeovil 0; Carshalton 0, Bromley 1; Hayes 1, Farnborough 2; Hendon 2, Kingstonian 0; *Hitchin* 1, Bishop's Stortford 3; Leyton-Wingate 1, Barking 1; St Albans City 3, Leytonstone/Ilford 4; Slough 1, Windsor and Eton 0; Wokingham 2, Harrow Borough 0. First division: Leatherhead 4, Lewes 0; Walton and Hersham 1; Hampton 1. Second division north: Letchworth Garden City 4, Finchley 2. Second divison south: Camberley 0, Metropolitan Police 0.
SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Millwall 0, Chelsea 7; Watford 6, Portsmouth 2. Second division: Bristol City 3, Colchester 1; Crystal Palace 1, Tottenham Hotspur 2; Wimbledon 3, *Brentford 0*.
FA YOUTH CUP: Qualifying round: Billericay 3, Canvey Island 1.
WEST GERMAN LEAGHUE: Homburg 0, Hamburg SV 2; Schalke 2, Bayer Uerdingen 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 0, Borussia Dortmund 0; Karlsruhe 1, Kaiserslautern 0; Hanover 1, Bochum 0.
AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: GAK Graz 2, LASK Linz 1; Vienna 0, Sturm Graz 1; Tirol 3, Rapid 3; Austria Klagenfurt 2, Moedling 1; Austria Vienna 3, Admira/Wacker 2; OEST Linz 4, Vienna Sportclub 1. Leading positions: 1, Rapid, played 9, points 17; 2, Austria Vienna, 9, 13; 3, Sturm Graz, 9, 11.
LEAGUE OF IRELAND CUP: Sligo Rovers 0, Derry City 2.
RUGBY UNION: Club matches: Vale of Lune 18, Aspatria 16; Headingley 19, Otley 3; Sidmouth 7, Exmouth 6.

GOLF

Bathurst leads Cheshire to title

By Patricia Davies

Cheshire emerged as winners of the English boys' county championship after coasting to victory over Shropshire and Hereford at Whittington Barracks yesterday. They ended with five points from their three matches, Somerset finishing second with three points after beating Essex.

At the start of the day all bar Somerset had a chance of taking the title but Essex handicapped themselves irredeemably by losing all three foursomes to Somerset.

Cheshire led Shropshire and Hereford by only 2-1 after the foursomes but the afternoon became a procession, as they *reeled in the singles one by one.* At the top of the order, David Bathgate, the Carris Trophy winner, pulled away from Carl Ciesielski when the Shopshire lad made a mess of the 10th, a hole he should have won.

Despite being in the middle of the fairway off the tee, Ciesielski, a YTS trainee at the Hill Valley club, contrived to take six and Bathgate, who had snap hooked his drive into the trees, won the hole with a five. Bathgate also won the 12th and 13th to go three up, a margin that saw him home. Shropshire and *Hereford's only singles* winner was Justin Griffiths.

RESULTS: Essex 3½, Somerset 5½ (*Essex names first*): *Foursomes:* H Roblin and M Jones lost to P Barrington and M Plummer 2 and 1; N Starling and A Emery lost to S Pearce and D Haines 3 and 2; G Marable and P Bembrick lost to S Plenty and J King 4 and 3. Singles: Bembrick *beat* Pearce 5 and 4. Emery beat Barrington 4 and 3; Marable lost to Plummer one hole; Roblin lost to Haines 7 and 5; Starling halved with B Porter; Jones beat King 6 and 5. Cheshire 7, Shropshire and Hereford 2 (Cheshire names first): *Foursomes:* D Bathgate and J Hayward beat C Ciesielski and D Probert 4 and 3; A Sandywell and I Rockcliffe lost to R Hemming and John Griffiths one hole; J Higginbotham and J Butterworth beat Justin Griffiths and S Byrne 3 and 2.

Singles: Bathgate beat Ciesielski 3 and 2; Sandywell beat Hemming 2 and 1; Higginbotham beat Probert 5 and 3; Rockcliffe lost to Justin Griffiths 5 and 3; Hayward beat John Griffiths 5 and 3; A Jeffreys beat M Knight one hole.

HOCKEY

European Cup gets under way

By Joyce Whitehead

Twelve nations are taking part in the second European Cup for women, sponsored by the Nat*ional Westminster Bank, which* begins at Picketts Lock, Edmonton, today. Scotland take on Belgium in the tournament's opening game (9am) and England tackle Austria this afternoon (2.15).

Competing in the 11-day gournament are: Austria, Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Spain, Soviet Union, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

The first European Cup was in 1984 in Lille, France, when England ended fourth after losing 0-2 to the Soviet Union in the semi-final and 0-1 to West Germany in the play-off for third place. The Netherlands won the cup and have remained at the top in all other contests since.

England are in a different group to the Netherlands in the initial round, but hope to come up against the cup holders on September 11, when the cross-over matches will be played.

Last weekend, England beat France 2-0 in a practice match *compared to 0-0 in 1984.*

TODAY'S MATCHES: Group A: Scotland v Belgium (9am); Soviet Union v Wales (10.45); France v Netherlands (1230). Group B: England v Austria (2.15pm); Ireland v Spain (4.00); West Germany v Italy (5.45).
ENGLAND: J Atkins (Yorkshire), G Brown (Yorkshire), K Brown (Surrey), M Cheetham (Leicestershire), J Cook (Suffolk), V Dixon (Cambridgeshire), R Goodridge (Devon), V Hallam (Sheffield League), B Hambley (Warwickshire, captain), S Lister (Essex), K Parker (Middlesex), C Rule (Leicestershire), J Sixsmith (Warwickshire), A Smith (Yorkshire), S Williams (Buckinghamshire), J Crook (Lancashire).

CRICKET

Somerset seamers waste the new ball

By Ivo Tennant

BRISTOL (Somerset won toss): Somerset, with nine first innings wickets in hand, are 276 runs behind Gloucestershire.

Term began in Bristol yesterday, which may or may not have accounted for the gate at the county ground being one of the lowest in recent times for this fixture. Other than Paul Romaines' first century of the season in this competition, the schoolboys did not miss much.

So conducive were the conditions to swing bowling that, coupled with too much grass having been left on the pitch, Somerset should have had Gloucestershire out by around tea-time. They had no fewer than five seam bowlers to turn to, yet by bowling too short or too wide almost totally wasted the new ball.

Roebuck waited until the 58th over before he thought it worth giving Marks a go. There was a little turn in the pitch but it was his accuracy, the fundamental quality that the quicker bowlers lacked, which gained him four wickets.

A glance at the scorecard will show that only Curran gave Romaines lasting support, and he was out of sorts. Yet they put on 100, helped by a missed slip catch, after Stovold, Wright and Athey had gone.

Jones' catch to dismiss Wright was rather better than his bowling. Athey, like Curran, was given out on the front foot, and Russell, accorded a splendid reception (if he plays for England this winter, he will become the third Gloucestershire wicketkeeper so to do) was one of Mallender's three wickets.

Throughout all this, Romaines progressed steadily towards his century, his innings lasting near on four hours and including 15 fours. It was not a great innings but it was meritorious in the circumstances. Walsh showed what he may do today when he swiftly had Roebuck out in Somerset's reply.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A W Stovold c Rose b Mallender	12
A J Wright c and b Jones	13
P W Romaines c Hardy b Marks	115
C W J Athey lbw b Pringle	18
K M Curran lbw b Waugh	41
*P Bainbridge c Waugh b Marks	8
M W Alleyne lbw b Mallender	11
K B Ibadulla c Burns b Marks	19
†R C Russell c sub b Mallender	15
C A Walsh c Roebuck b Marks	4
G E Sainsbury not out	1
Extras (b 8, lb 8, w 3, nb 6)	25
Total (93.3 overs)	282

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-52, 3-98, 4-198, 5-217, 6-226, 7-250, 8-275, 9-278.
BOWLING: Jones 17-4-63-1; Mallender 21-7-44-3; Rose 3-1-9-0; Waugh 26-7-72-1; Pringle 8-0-33-1; Marks 18.3-7-45-4.

SOMERSET: First Innings

N A Felton not out	2
*P M Roebuck c Romaines b Walsh	0
J J E Hardy not out	4
Total (1 wkt, 4.1 overs)	6

J G Wyatt, S R Waugh, V J Marks, †N D Burns, G D Rose, N A Mallender, A N Jones and N A Pringle to bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-1.
Bonus points: Gloucestershire 3, Somerset 4.
Umpires: J A Jameson and D O Oslear.

Maynard a player of promise

By Geoffrey Wheeler

The name of Matthew Maynard is not mentioned as often as it should be when discussion turns to promising young cricketers. Perhaps it is because he is with Glamorgan, who named him their "player of the season" yesterday, during the lunch interval of the game against Derbyshire at Cardiff.

Maynard, who was 71 not out at the time, went on to complete his second century of the season and hit a six and 16 fours in 119 before he was dismissed. Maynard, only 21, has scored 1,439 first class runs this season and as befits a young man who completed a century on debut in 1985 by hitting three sixes off successive balls, has got them attractively.

No one else in the Glamorgan side could make much of the Derbyshire pace attack, well supported by the wicketkeeper, Maher, who held five catches. Holding, as usual, was the most *menacing of the bowlers, taking* five for 41. Derbyshire have made 106 for two in reply.

The first day of the Scarborough Festival — always a sign that another season is nearing its close — was dominated by the Yorkshire opening batsman, Metcalfe, who made 152, the highest score of his career, against MCC. Cowans was the only MCC bowler to carry much of a threat, taking three of the four wickets which fell as Yorkshire reached 317 before declaring in time for Sidebottom to break the opening partnership *before the close.*

CRICKET

Cook's wickets a small comfort for sad Northants

By Marcus Williams

THE OVAL (Northamptonshire won toss): Surrey have scored 304 all out against Northamptonshire.

Northamptonshire, whose championship challenge has sadly waned almost to invisibility in the past month, had another disappointing day at the Oval yesterday.

After winning the toss and reducing Surrey to 42 for three, they saw Lynch (69) and Jesty (72) seize back the initiative in a bubbling partnership of 136 from only 26 overs. It made possible a substantial total of 304, bolstered by a prodigal ration of no-balls, although Northamptonshire had the comfort of four wickets from Nick Cook and full bowling points against opponents who also have a live interest in the prize-money, which is available down to fifth place.

A wintry mist, hanging over London's SE11 and environs for much of the day, delayed the start until 12.15 and encouraged the ball to move about sharply. Davis obliged his captain by removing David Smith and *Darren Bicknell in his first six* overs and then Robinson, one of the reserve seam bowlers in the absence of Walker and Wild, surprised Stewart with a fine ball which nipped back through his defence.

After lunch, both batsmen went for their strokes, as Robinson and Davis strayed, and though not everything was played with the middle of the bat, the score mounted apace from two strong drivers. Seventy-five runs had come from 10 overs when the batsmen, not surprisingly, rejected an offer of the light and it eventually took the introduction of Nick Cook's left-arm spin to part them.

Spurred perhaps by the "Cook Electric" hoardings around the ground, he turned one past *Lynch's heave and had Richards* caught behind sweeping. Gareth Smith's left-arm fast medium, however, was preferred to Cook's spin for a while after tea and, in a useful spell, he sent back Jesty with an inswinging yorker, but paid a heavy penalty for overstepping when he bowled Greig and had Medlycott caught at slip, but each time off a no-ball.

The mist had lifted by the time Cook returned to confront the tail, but by now the acrid smoke of a bonfire was besieging the ground as Surrey, too, achieved maximum bonus points.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell b Davis	7
D M Smith lbw b Davis	0
A J Stewart b Robinson	26
M A Lynch b N G B Cook	69
T E Jesty b Smith	72
†C J Richards c Ripley b N G B Cook	0
*I A Greig st Ripley b N G B Cook	33
K T Medlycott b Robinson	20
M A Feltham not out	16
S T Clarke lbw b Robinson	5
M P Bicknell c Lamb b N G B Cook	8
Extras (b 5, lb 20, w 1, nb 22)	48
Total (87.4 overs)	304

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-24, 3-42, 4-178, 5-179, 6-217, 7-261, 8-268, 9-275.
BOWLING: Davis 22-2-83-2; Capel 9-3-26-0; Robinson 26-4-85-3; Smith 13-1-52-1, N G B Cook 17.4-7-33-4.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: *G Cook, W Larkins, R J Bailey, A J Lamb, D J Capel, R J Boyd-Moss, W W Davis, †D Ripley, N G B Cook, G Smith and M Robinson
Bonus points: Surrey 4, Northamptonshire 4
Umpires: M J Kitchen and K J Lyons

Moles holds stage as others falter

By Jack Bailey

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire have scored 302 for nine wickets against Kent.

Batting in the latter stages in conditions which natural gloom and a pall of dense smoke from a source unknown made nigh intolerable, Warwickshire captured maximum batting points before calling it a day.

It was a day which belonged to Andy Moles, the man who a few years ago wrote to 17 counties and nobody answered, let alone asked him to play. Moles followed his 137 against Worcestershire on Tuesday with a handsome 151. In so doing he passed his previous best championship score and altogether dominated events in circumstances which favoured swing and seam.

Until he was out, deceived and bowled by a looping ball from the slow left arm of Davis, Moles had held centre stage in remarkable fashion. He is sturdy and thickset, strong in the forearm and he has an unusual but welcome penchant for the back foot. Many of his boundaries came from the square cut and from *the pull or hook and* he despatched anything remotely short.

But while Moles carried all before him, his partners came and went, their contributions paling into insignficance by contrast to what was going on at the other end. Lloyd had made 16 out of 52 when he chopped onto Cowdrey; Asif Din decided to pull; and Baptiste and Igglesden continued to make inroads at the other end as Moles went merrily on his way.

One significant wicket to fall of more than a passing moment, was that of Dennis Amiss. Playing in his last championship match at Edgbaston, he opened by reviving the best memories with two vintage cover drives for four. He hit three more before falling to Penn, and when he had made 17, he passed a long standing record of Willie Quaife. Amiss had then made 16,783 runs at Edgbaston alone. The mind boggles.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

T A Lloyd b Cowdrey	16
A J Moles b Davis	151
Asif Din c Benson b Baptiste	12
D L Amiss c sub b Penn	24
†G W Humpage lbw b Igglesden	10
D A Thorne c Baptiste b Igglesden	13
P A Smith c Marsh b Baptiste	12
G C Small not out	32
A T Merrick c Davis b Igglesden	18
T A Munton c and b Igglesden	6
*N Gifford not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 5, nb 1)	8
Total (9 wkts, 98 overs)	302

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-52, 2-107, 3-156, 4-178, 5-126, 6-236, 7-242, 8-268, 9-275.

KENT: M R Benson, S G Hinks, S C Goldsmith, C J Tavaré, D G Aslett, *C S Cowdrey, E A E Baptiste, †S A Marsh, C Penn, A P Igglesden and R P Davis.
Bonus points: Warwickshire 4, Kent 4.
Umpires: D R Shepherd and P B Wight.

Imran in Sussex talks

Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, met Sussex officials yesterday to discuss his future with the county, who have offered him a contract to play in limited-overs cricket only next season.

Richard Renold, the county secretary, said the discussion would be reported to the committee before an announcement was made about the all-rounder. Imran, aged 34, is in his benefit season with Sussex.

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Glamorgan v Derbys

CARDIFF (Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 133 runs behind Glamorgan.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

A R Butcher c Maher b Holding	6
*H Morris c Maher b Sharma	30
G C Holmes c Maher b Holding	0
M P Maynard c Maher b Mortensen	119
R C Ontong c Sharma b Holding	6
P A Todd c Finney b Holding	0
J Derrick c Morris b Holding	4
†C P Metson not out	23
I Smith c Maher b Mortensen	1
S J Base c Warner b Malcolm	18
S R Barwick b Mortensen	5
Extras (b 5, lb 16, w 1, nb 5)	27
Total (59.3 overs)	239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-10, 3-94, 4-138, 5-138, 6-169, 7-181, 8-184, 9-213.
BOWLING: Holding 17-7-41-5; Malcolm 15-2-43-1; Warner 13-2-53-0; Sharma 4-1-21-1; Mortensen 20.3-4-60-3.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Todd b Ontong	48
†B J M Maher c Todd b Smith	39
B Roberts not out	11
J E Morris not out	0
Extras (lb 3, nb 5)	8
Total (2 wkts, 31 overs)	106

R J Finney, R Sharma, T J E O'Gorman, A E Warner, M A Holding, O H Mortensen and D E Malcolm to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-92, 2-106.
Bonus points: Glamorgan 2, Derbyshire 4.
Umpires: B Dudleston and R A White.

Yorkshire v MCC

SCARBOROUGH (Yorkshire won toss). MCC, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 308 runs behind Yorkshire.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

A A Metcalfe b Kippax	152
I G Swallow b Cowans	28
R J Blakey b Cowans	12
P E Robinson c Downton b Cowans	91
J D Love not out	17
S N Hartley not out	14
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3
Total (4 wkts dec)	317

†D L Bairstow, *P Carrick, A Sidebottom, P J Hartley and P W Jarvis did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-94, 3-284, 4-291
BOWLING. Cowans 24-4-83-3; Fraser 25-12-65-0 Knight 3-2-4-0, Kippax 19-3-46-1. Carr 15-3-53-0; Folley 21-2-85-0

MCC: First Innings

J D Carr c Blakey b Sidebottom	0
M A Atherton not out	7
†P R Downton not out	0
Extras (nb 2)	2
Total (1 wkt)	9

R O Butcher, C T Radley, S P Henderson, *R D V Knight, I Folley, P J Kippax, A R C Fraser and N G Cowans to bat.
FALL OF WICKET. 1-3.
Umpires: J Birkenshaw and B Leadbeater

No play yesterday

COLCHESTER: *Essex v Worcestershire*

YACHTING

Britons take control

From Roger Lean-Vercoe, Lake Inawashiro, Japan

James Hartley and Ian Tillet once again took the winning gun in yesterday's second race of the International 14 world championship. British crews also took second, third and fourth positions in a clear demonstration of British supremacy over this 50-boat fleet drawn from five nations.

On Tuesday the British had demonstrated their world-beating *speed in a blow*, and they now demonstrated it in more moderate conditions. At the windward mark Hartley had established his position for the race, followed by Sibthorp and Grant, with Stanley and Hodgart in third place. On the following reach they were in a class of their own, well clear of the pack.

By the next windward mark the McDonalds had linked-up to make it a solid lead of four British boats.

RESULTS: Second race: 1, J Hartley and I Tillett (GB); 2, C Stanley and J Hodgart (GB); 3, J Sibthorp and B Grant (GB); 4, N McDonald and D McDonald (GB); 5, T Walsh and J Hale (Can); 6, M Starratt and J Livingston (US). Other British: 17, J Evans and T Knight.

● Misty weather for the second day running brought both boats and organisation almost to a standstill at NatWest Weymouth Olympic Week. In the Finns Lawrence Crispin led at every mark.

RESULTS: Finn: 1, L Crispin (GB); 2, H Spitzauer (Austria); 3, R Bridge (GB); 4, S Childerley (GB). 470: 1, D and R Torten (Israel); 2, A Stad and A Hemmings (GB); 3, S Irish and R Perkins (GB); 4, J Olbrysi and D Lonnemann (WG).

Bakker award

P J Bakker, the Hampshire seam bowler, is to receive the Vail Estate Agents performance of the month award for August after his match-winning seven for 31 against Kent at Bournemouth on August 21.

CYCLING

Italy takes gold medal

From Peter Bryan, Villach, Austria

Italy produced the first upset of the world road championships here yesterday when after a 23-year spell of being virtually in the wilderness of team time trialing, their riders snatched the gold medal from Russia, the favourites.

The race, contested by 26 *four-man squads*, was over two circuits of a 50-kilometre motorway with riders sharing the pace positioned one behind the other *and the counting time being* taken on the third man to finish.

The Russian squad starting 22nd quickly set the standard to be ahead at the first time check after 25 kilometres. They went through in 57min 02sec and Italy, starting three places be*hind them*, were 52sec slower, followed by East Germany (28.54).

At the halfway point Italy were 52sec adrift but on the second circuit the Italians began to claw back some of their lost time to draw level with 10 kilometres to go.

Into a headwind on the uphill finish the Italians went ahead by *a handful of seconds* which had increased to 12sec when they reached the line. Italy's time of 1hr 57min 42sec was the fastest since the championship was introduced in 1962.

Britain's hopes of a placing in the top six were thwarted at the *half-way mark. As the foursome* of Paul Curran, Deno Davie, Nick Barnes and Wayne Randle started their final lap, Randle sat up, slowed to a halt and slumped on to a grass verge.

RESULTS: 1, Italy (R Fortunato, E Poli, M Scirea, F Vanzella) 1:57:42; 2, USSR (V Klimov, A Saitov, I Suninikov, E Zagrebelnyi) 1:57:54; 3, Austria (J Lienhart, B Rassenger, M Traxl, H Wechselberger) 1:59:41; 4, France (P Lance, T Laurent, L Bezault, E Heulot) 1:58:50; 5, West Germany (H Bolts, E Christl, B Groene, R Stumpf) 2:00:07; 15, Great Britain, 2:05:19.

QUEEN'S HORSES LOSE A FRIEND

When Lt. Col. Sir John Miller retires after 26 years as Crown Equerry, the horses at the Royal Mews will lose a valued friend. Horse and Hound, out today, publishes a five-page tribute with full-colour photographs on this versatile equestrian. Also in this issue, a report on the European Show Jumping Championships from Steve Hadley, a picture story on the Lakeland's Rydal Hound Show, a preview of the team chasing season and a special survey on horse clothing.

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DeFreitas turns tide in favour of Leicestershire

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

SOUTHAMPTON (Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire have scored 257 for seven against Hampshire.

After starting well enough, Hampshire quite lost the form at Southampton yesterday that had won them their previous four championship matches and made them contenders for the title. By the time bad light took away the last 90 minutes' play — another 70 minutes had been lost in the morning — Leicestershire had picked up from 82 for five to 257 for seven, which is probably a stronger position than it sounds.

The best batting pitches are not to be found at this stage of the season on the home grounds of counties in the running for the championship, and this one is no exception. It is dry enough not to last and has a couple of strips down the length of it that are greener than the rest. Despite being in prime form at the moment, Gower was beaten by the first four balls after lunch, bowled by Marshall.

But not even this disuaded Marshall from bowling too much that was senselessly short, or Andrew from eventually following suit. With five of the first six wickets to fall Andrew, to be fair to him, had a good day. He was playing his first championship match for nearly eight weeks, having not been fit for a part of that time and not chosen for the remainder of it. Able to rest during the stoppage for bad light, Marshall and Andrew did all the morning bowling and gave Leicestershire's early batsmen, with the exception of Gower, a thoroughly torrid time.

Boon was out in the day's fourth over, unable to get out of the way of a nasty lifter, and Briers in the sixth, mishooking to mid-on. By lunch Willey had been caught at slip and Whitaker bowled, playing across something well up to him. Even Willey, the iron man, failed to conceal the fact that a blow on the hand from Marshall had been really rather painful. When Gower, some of whose leg-side timing had been quite magical, gave Terry his third slip catch of the day, Leicestershire must have been wondering whether they would get a single batting point, let alone the three they finished with.

The picture changed with the introduction of Maru's slow orthodox left-arm spin. He came on for Andrew, who in his last over had got rid of Gower. The admirable Clift was already settling in and, at the sight of Maru, DeFreitas put his ears back. Three times in one over he drove him for six, one of them being a simply enormous blow, clearing not only Northlands Road but one of the houses on the other side of it. Making quite sure he was not himself hit by Marshall, DeFreitas added 102 in 70 minutes with Clift, a whirling innings from which Hampshire did not recover. The five overs of Maru's first spell cost 34 runs.

DeFreitas was eventually well taken in front of the pavilion, Robin Smith jumping to catch a hit that would have carried for six. But by then Clift, too, was going so well that during a seventh wicket partnership of 72 between him and Whitticase Hampshire began to look decidedly ragged. They are without Greenidge too, possibly for ever more. He seems more likely to be offered another contract than to sign one.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c Parks b Andrew	3
N E Briers c Tremlett b Andrew	4
*P Willey c Terry b Marshall	15
D I Gower c Terry b Andrew	41
J J Whitaker b Andrew	5
P B Clift not out	70
P A J DeFreitas c R A Smith b Andrew	74
†P Whitticase b Tremlett	21
J P Agnew not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 8, nb 15)	24
Total (7 wkts, 58.2 overs)	257

G J F Ferris and P M Such to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-13, 3-49, 4-54, 5-82, 6-183, 7-256.

HAMPSHIRE: V P Terry, C L Smith, *M C J Nicholas, D R Turner, R A Smith, K D James, M D Marshall, †R J Parks, T M Tremlett, R J Maru and S J W Andrew.

Bonus points: Hampshire 3, Leicestershire 3.

Umpires: A A Jones and N T Plews.

Grandstand finish

This season's Britannic Assurance county championship may not be decided until the last day of the season, September 15, when Lancashire are in action against Essex, the current champions, at Chelmsford.

Matches remaining after current games (with points totals after yesterday's play):

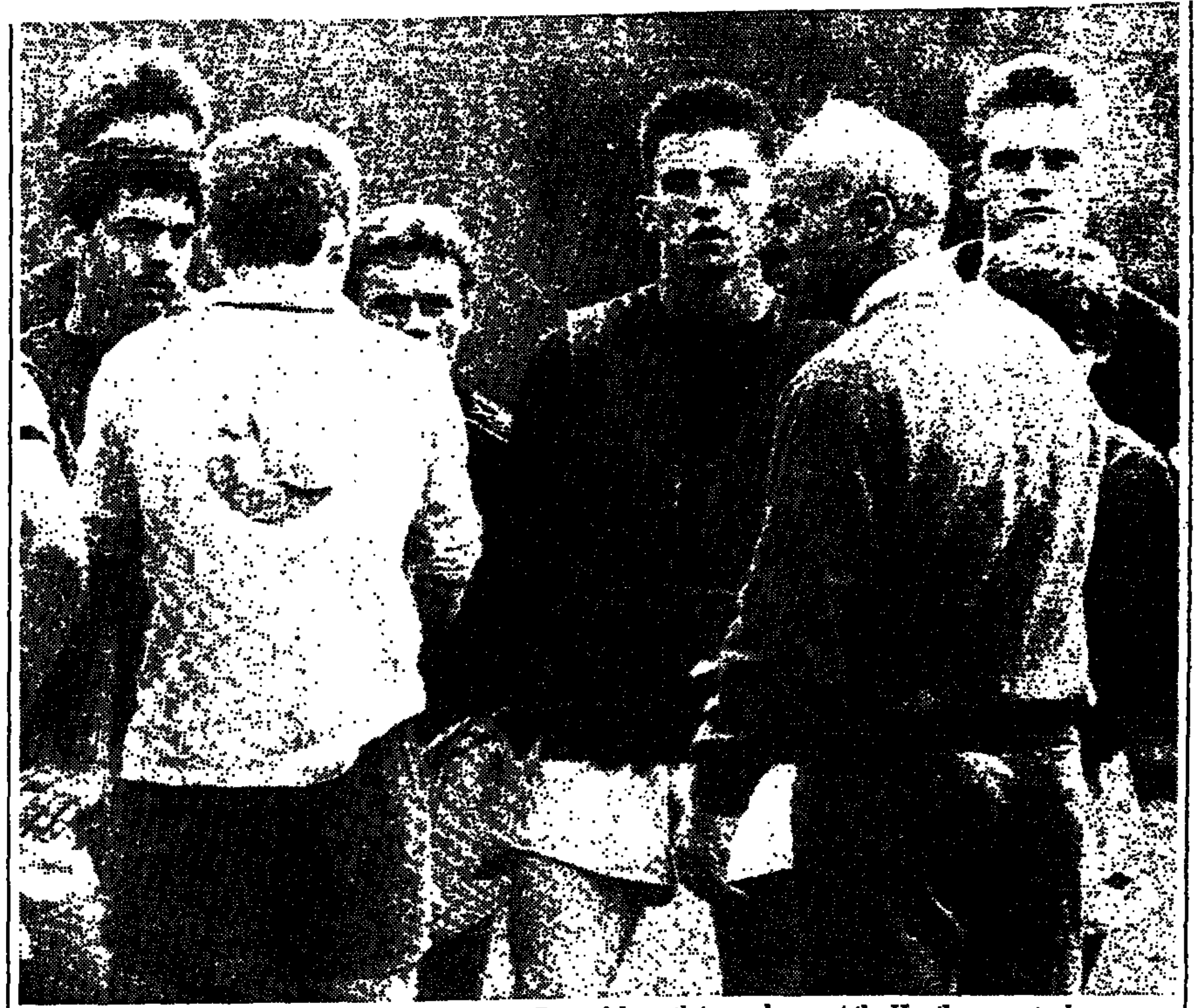
Nottinghamshire (252 pts): Glamorgan (at Trent Bridge)
Lancashire (246): Surrey (at Old Trafford), Essex (at Chelmsford)
Hampshire (232): Middlesex (at Lord's)
Leicestershire (228): Gloucestershire (at Leicester), Kent (at Canterbury)
Surrey (223): Lancashire (at Old Trafford)
Northamptonshire (212): Sussex (at Hove), Worcestershire (at Worcester)

Acfield's adieu

The Essex off break bowler David Acfield has announced his retirement from first class cricket. Acfield, aged 40, a former Cambridge blue, made his county debut in 1966 and has taken 950 wickets, including 855 for Essex.

Rush ruled out

Ian Rush is out of the Welsh team to play in the European Championship qualifier against Denmark at Cardiff next week. Juventus, who bought rush from Liverpool for £3.2 million, yesterday sent the Welsh FA a cable



Last team talk: Ron Saunders with his West Bromwich youth team players at the Hawthorns yesterday

Atkinson takes control at the Hawthorns

By Chris Moore

West Bromwich Albion will today turn the clock back eight years by reappointing Ron Atkinson and his former assistant, Colin Addison, as the new managerial team at the Hawthorns.

Together they led Albion to third place in the first division in the 1978-79 season and also to the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup. Albion yesterday cleared the way for their return by finally ending three days of mounting speculation over Ron Saunders's future.

After 21 years in management — during which time he was twice manager of the year with Aston Villa, whom he took to the first division title — Saunders admitted before departing from the Hawthorns that he was seriously considering giving up the game.

Deeply disappointed and visibly upset he said: "The last 18 months may well have soured me enough to pack it all in. I'm very disillusioned at the moment because I never thought it would end like this. There is a good possibility this will be my last club.

"But ever since I came here other managers have been linked with my job and there are obviously various problems at boardroom level. There is a lot wrong with football and a lot wrong with some of the people in football. But now is not the time to talk about that. On occasions like this the important thing is that everyone concerned conducts himself in a dignified manner."

Meanwhile, the Albion chairman pointed to the club's flirtation with relegation last season, and their current position at the bottom of the second division, as the prime reasons behind Saunders's dismissal.

"We had a very traumatic time at the end of last season when we narrowly avoided relegation, and the board could not see any great improvement this season," Lucas said.

"We felt the decline, which had to be halted, needed to be nipped in the bud immediately rather than later. We have always tried to play good football at West Brom and the fans were clearly not happy with what they were seeing. We have to get back to playing attractive football.

"I have a great respect for Ron Saunders but unfortunately things have not worked out. However, we wish to place on record our gratitute to Ron for his total devotion to his duties during his time with us."

During his 18 months at the Hawthorns, Saunders raised a total of £860,000 from the sale of 20 players, while paying out £610,000 for 14 new players. But while in charge he won only 15 out of 67 League and Cup games.

Last night Lucas was still refusing to confirm that Atkinson, who has been out of football since losing his job as manager of Manchester United last season, was lined up as Saunders's successor.

"The man we have in mind has agreed to join us subject to both parties reaching an agreement over terms," Lucas said. "I hope to be in a position to make an announcement on Thursday with a view to having the new manager installed in time for our home game with Shrewsbury on Saturday."

Atkinson, too, was remaining tight-lipped, declining to jump the gun before any official statement is made. But there can be few doubts that he is the man Albion want, despite some reports yesterday linking Allan Clarke, manager of the second division leaders, Barnsley, with the job.

Almost certainly, Atkinson's first move will be to reappoint Addison as his assistant.

Ban for drugs in Rome

The Australian javelin thrower, Sue Howland, has been banned from the world athletics championships in Rome after a drug test had shown she had taken anabolic steroids, an Australian Amateur Athletic Federation official, Graeme Briggs, said yesterday.

Briggs said Miss Howland had been positively tested after the Ulster Games in Belfast on July 20.

She has been suspended from the world championships and under International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) regulations approved last week is now automatically banned for two years.

Miss Howland won the gold medal at the 1982 Commonwealth Games in Brisbane and was third at the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh. She is ranked third in the world this year, with a best of 68.74 metres, behind Petra Felke, of East Germany (78.90m), and Fatima Whitbread, of Britain (76.34m). In fact, Miss Howland was beaten by Miss Whitbread — who is a friend of hers — at the Belfast meeting.

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Miss Howland, who will be 27 tomorrow, has been on an associate scholarship at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, and she worked part-time on the security staff at Parliament House. She has trained in West Germany for the past three summers.

Briggs said results of laboratory tests, which had been made available last week, showed Miss Howland had used anabolic steroids.

"I am terribly disappointed that an athlete sought to do this," Briggs said. "It's a lesson for all athletes that this is the wrong way to get to the top."

Briggs said that Miss Howland was still in the competitors' village but would return to Australia as soon as practicable. She had been due to make her first appearance in the qualifying round of the javelin on Saturday.

Briggs also said he understood a number of other athletes competing here had been positively tested.

John Holt, the IAAF general secretary, said the federation would have no comment to make on Miss Howland's disqualification until its scheduled news conference next Monday.

Hadlee in familiar routine

By Alan Lee

TRENT BRIDGE (Sussex won toss): Nottinghamshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 46 runs behind Sussex

Nottinghamshire's response to the growing fear that the championship is slipping away was akin to that of a man who feels his car's engine stalling only yards from a hilltop. Foot flat to the boards, they headed for the line in the style they know best.

In Nottinghamshire's case, this involved a curtain-call for Clive Rice, Ron Allsopp and Richard Hadlee. Rice resumed as captain, Allsopp prepared a spiteful pitch reminiscent of many in the title-winning year of 1981, and Hadlee exploited it mercilessly.

The team acting as punch-bag for this treatment were Sussex, which scarcely seemed fair, considering they have won only one match during a wretched year and look doomed to finish bottom of the table. Sure enough, they were in a predictable mess at 93 for nine soon after lunch: Hadlee, bowling like a demon, had taken six of the wickets.

Thereafter, nothing went quite to plan. Ian Gould, the Sussex captain, vigorously dominated a last-wicket stand of 30, which was irritating for the champions-elect. They then lost four prime wickets in making 77, which was worrying enough to persuade Broad and Hemmings to accept the chance to go off for bad light with 39 overs remaining.

As the weather forecast is uncertain, Nottinghamshire's nerves may still be ragged this morning. Certainly, they have reacted sharply to the failure to win any of their last four games. Allsopp's pitch was the subject of umpiring scrutiny even before play began when, at Gould's request, the groundsman was obliged to brush away some grass cuttings.

Off the field, Robinson was being temporarily relieved of his stripes. This was not a dramatic coup, as Rice had remained the club captain while his successor was groomed. Nonetheless, Robinson's tactics on Tuesday, when he resorted to feeding Derbyshire runs in the hope of a declaration, had not met with unanimous approval.

Rice, still nursing niggling injuries, did not bowl yesterday. While Hadlee was spreading havoc with exaggerated lift and sideways movement, it seemed he would not be needed. The New Zealander, now just 15 wickets short of his second "double" in his farewell season, was magnificent on a pitch tailored for him.

His back-up bowlers, though, were unimpressive and Pick's wayward spell after lunch may yet prove costly. Sussex's seamers have shown there is plenty here to help them, too, and much now depends on Broad.

SUSSEX: First Innings

R I Alikhan b Pick	12
A M Green c Hadlee b Pick	31
P W G Parker c French b Hadlee	2
A P Wells c Broad b Hadlee	1
C M Wells c Broad b Hadlee	6
K Greenfield c Rice b Saxelby	3
D A Reeve c Rice b Hadlee	0
*†I J Gould c Rice b Pick	42
P Moores lbw b Hadlee	7
A C S Pigott c Robinson b Hadlee	4
A M Babington not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 7, nb 5)	13
Total (42.5 overs)	123

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-42, 3-52, 4-55, 5-62, 6-62, 7-68, 8-88, 9-93.

BOWLING: Hadlee 18-4-20-6; Saxelby 11-3-32-1; Pick 12.5-2-58-3; Hemmings 1-0-5-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad not out	44
R T Robinson lbw b Reeve	14
*C E B Rice c Reeve b Pigott	5
P Johnson c Moores b Pigott	2
J D Birch c Alikhan b C M Wells	9
E E Hemmings not out	0
Extras (lb 2, nb 1)	3
Total (4 wkts, 24 overs)	77

R J Hadlee, †B N French, R A Pick, K Saxelby and M K Bore to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-48, 3-50, 4-76.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 4, Sussex 1.

Umpires: H D Bird and J W Holder.

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A bruised arm puts Botham out of action

Ian Botham's left forearm was so badly bruised by Gladstone Small at Edgbaston on Monday that he will be unable to play any cricket for more than a week. Botham cannot even hold a bat at the moment and was lucky to escape a fracture (Richard Streeton writes).

The arm was yesterday encased in a compression bandage at Colchester, where not a ball could be bowled in the Essex-Worcestershire game. Worcestershire are hoping Botham can play in the Sunday league match on September 13, when they hope to clinch the title.

Chris Gladwin, the 25-year-old left-handed opening batsman, has not been retained by Essex, but hopes to join another county.

San Diego's guns spiked

From Barry Pickthall, Kiel

New Zealand has obtained a temporary restraining order from the New York Supreme Court barring the San Diego Yacht Club from taking any action regarding the next America's Cup defence, pending a preliminary hearing in the Court set for September 9.

The move by New Zealand syndicate head, Michael Fay, effectively spikes the Californian club's guns the very day the America's Cup holder had intended to announce that the next challenge would be sailed in 12-metre yachts off San Diego in 1991.

The order was obtained as part of proceedings brought by the Auckland-based Mercury Bay Boating Club to seek confirmation from the Court that its 1988 challenge for the Cup in modern 90-foot waterline light displacement yachts is valid and that the San Diego club is required under the terms of the Deed of Gift governing the America's Cup, to defend the trophy next June.

The New Zealand documents, together with a $10,000 bond were filed with the New York Supreme Court on Monday.

"New Zealand submitted a formal notice of challenge to the San Diego Yacht Club on July 17 but in the last six weeks the club consistently disregarded our notice of challenge and stated its intention to conduct a defence on the America's Cup in 12-metres in 1991. This has left us with no option but to ask the Court to intercede and decide on the issues involved," the New Zealand syndicate head said yesterday.

The New Zealand syndicate is so certain of its ground that it has commenced construction of its monolithic challenger already. In Australia, Alan Bond has commissioned Ben Lexcen and Iain Murray to draw up a design and in England, Blue Arrow syndicate head, Peter de Savary, has ordered the materials for his challenger.

The papers lodged with the New York Court called for a preliminary injunction against the San Diego Cup holder from soliciting, entertaining or considering any other challengers until the New Zealand challenge has been held.

The argument centres around who challenged first and whether recent practices take precedence over the event as outlined in the original deed. Fay contends that his formal notice set out as required by the 130-year-old Deed of Gift should precede the less formal intentions to challenge lodged with the San Diego Club by Britain's Crusade Yacht Club, the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, Melbourne, and Japan's Bengal Bay Yacht Club.

The Californian Club contends that the Crusade Yacht Club challenge, headed by Graham Walker, was the first to be accepted, and under the terms of the deed, it must pursue the British wishes first.

SPORT IN BRIEF

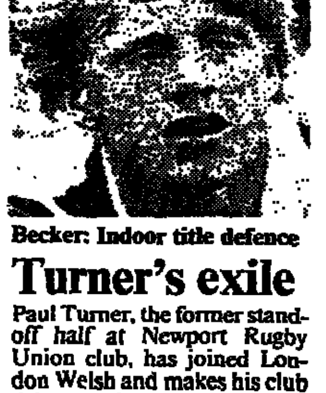
Top names gather

Ivan Lendl, the world No. 1 tennis player, Boris Becker, the title holder, and Pat Cash, the Wimbledon champion, have entered the Swan Australian indoor championship in Sydney from October 11 to 18.

Theother seeded players are expected to be Andres Gomez, of Ecuador, Scott Davis and Paul Annacone, of the United States, Slobodan Zivojinovic, of Yugoslavia, and Wally Masur, of Australia.

Just the ticket

World-wide ticket sales for the *1988 Olympic Games in Seoul* will begin on October 11. Prices range from US $200 *(about £125), for the opening* and closing ceremonies, to $3 (£1.90) for some events.



Becker: Indoor title defence

Turner's exile

Paul Turner, the former stand-off half at Newport Rugby Union club, has joined London Welsh and makes his club debut against Plymouth on Saturday. Turner, a Wales B player and prolific scorer, links up with Mark Douglas — who returns to the Exiles after a spell at Neath.

Another round

Barry McGuigan, the boxer turned racing driver, continues his new career on Saturday *in the penultimate round* of the Esso MG Metro turbo challenge at Donington Park.

Final eight

The eight athletics clubs to contest the qualification meeting for promotion to the GRE British League are Gateshead, Liverpool Pembroke, Stafford, Cannock, Cambridge Harriers, Coventry, Bristol and Swansea. The first two will be promoted.

Fenech bout

Jeff Fenech, the World Boxing Council super-bantamweight boxing champion from Australia, will defend his title against Carlos Zarate, aged 36, of Mexico, in Sydney on October 16.

Porsche will pull out of Formula One

Stuttgart (Reuter) — The West German sports car manufacturer Porsche confirmed yesterday that it will end its *highly successful links with* Formula One motor racing at the end of this season.

Porsche provided the turbo engine for the British McLaren team which has won the drivers' world title through Niki Lauda, of Austria, and Alain Prost, of France, in each of the last three years. McLaren also won the constructers' title in 1984 and 1985.

Porsche said it would not provide engines for any other team next season. The Formula One circuit is gradually switching away from turbo and back to conventionally aspirated engines.

END COLUMN

Time for an iron hand at the top

From David Miller
Rome

The second, professional, championships of the International Amateur Athletic Federation have clearly shown the British team that a more professional, and even aggressive, tone of management is needed to handle the tensions generated by growing commercialism, personal ambition and *individuals'* agents.

The dispute concerning Linford Christie and the relay squad has epitomized the problem of accommodating necessarily highly motivated and self-centred individuals within a team event. The British Amateur Athletics Board and its chairman, Ewan Murray, have yet to decide what action to take over the heavy-handed demand made on Pam Piercy, the women's team manager, by a competitor's agent that "his" athlete should not in any way be instructed, guided or directed by the official management.

While the board has been sympathetic to the involvement at big championships of personal coaches, it must be the duty of the management to manage. Christie, the fastest man in Britain, allowed his own over-estimation of his importance to the relay squad — and his misjudgment of which leg it was best for him to run — to distract him from his main objective, a medal in the 100 metres.

More important, however, the board, whose administration has always been less than a textbook of efficiency, needs to look at the balance of public relations responsibility between Mike Turner, the team manager, and Frank Dick, the chief coach: deciding, for instance, whether the board should take cover behind the manager or the coach when controversies arise over selection, as happened before these championships.

Christie: relay blunder

It goes against the grain to question the function of Turner, one of the most pleasant, sensitive and dignified men in British sport, but there is the unavoidable impression that he should have intervened to defuse the differences between Christie and Dick.

If Christie *did* not agree with Dick's opinion that the running order should be Christie-Regis-McFarlane-Callender to challenge Canada for the silver medal — Johnson runs the first leg — then his option was to withdraw, not to make ultimatums on the television screen. For that he should have been sent home.

The situation has clearly come to a poor pass when the board, the manager and the coach are reduced to communicating by letter during a championship. Dick's mistake was not to make his intention on the relay clear from the start, leaving Turner to implement this and the runners either to comply or go home.

The strength of these outstanding championships is that the competitors need the event more than it needs them. Nobody knows this better than Daley Thompson who today and tomorrow attempts to extend his remarkable sequence of eight championship decathlon triumphs, starting with the Commonwealth Games in 1978 and broken only by defeat in the European Championships in Prague soon afterwards. Thompson, the definitive competitor, needs victory for his own pride as much as for the financial privileges which it endows.

For the first time since Prague, Thompson knows that there is an element of doubt which has nothing to do with his will to win. Will his adductor groin muscle stand up to the strain of out-staying Siggi Wentz and Jürgen Hingsen, both of whom have had injuries too? Hingsen injured ribs in pole-vault training and Wentz, who is top of this year's rankings, has had an Achilles heel injury on his right pole-vaulting foot.

Thompson will be restricted, marginally, in the high hurdles, the first event of the second day, and the long jump but he has enough experience to pace himself through those two events. It promises to be another fascinating two days.